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RE: FIRST INTERIM FOR 2018-OSEC-05830-F

Dear Ms. France and Mr. McGrath:

This correspondence and the accompanying records constitute the Departmental FOIA Office's (DFO) first interim response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted by American Oversight on August 24, 2018.

This response also responds to the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-00652 currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The pending Complaint in the above-referenced matter is based on USDA's alleged failure to comply with the applicable time-limit provisions of the FOIA in response to American Oversight's three records request for communications between USDA officials and various industry groups or lobbyists representing them. One of those three records requests were assigned **2018-OSEC-05830-F** and sought:

All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat, Lync, Skype, and WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between Rebeckah Adcock and any of the following:

A) Any employee or representative of CropLife America (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @croplifeamerica.org);

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K) Any employee or representative of Bayer (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @bayer.com);

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Below are the details regarding the DFO's search efforts for the above referenced matter, records found in connection with the search, and a description of the FOIA exemptions applied to select records.

Search Efforts

A search for responsive records was conducted by the Office of the Chief Information Officer's (OCIO) telecommunications provider, Client Experience Center (CEC). The CEC performs network services for the OCIO to include electronic messaging operations, electronic calendars, blackberry, mobile device management (MDM), file and print, remote access, voice, network, service desk, and other application services. The CEC searched the Outlook account associated with Rebeckah Adcock from April 1, 2017 to August 28, 2018. Today's first interim response for **2018-OSEC-05830-F** includes all

responsive records from CEC's email search, which totals 164 pages. These records are being provided to you with Bates Stamps 000692 through 000855. Ms. Adcock was also asked to perform a manual search for records from messaging applications, text messages, in addition to any handwritten correspondence since these items cannot be captured via a CEC's search. Ms. Adcock's search produced no responsive records.

Following a review of the responsive records, the DFO determined that certain information contained therein should be withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6). Below is an explanation of the information withheld.

Application of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) "FOIA Exemption 6"

FOIA Exemption 6 permits the government to withhold information regarding individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and where such privacy interests outweigh any public interest which would be advanced by disclosure. For purposes of the FOIA, the public interest is advanced when disclosure of the requested information educates the public about the activities of the government.

Portions of the records produced as a result of the CEC's search efforts were withheld under FOIA Exemption 6. These items include cellular phone numbers, direct office numbers, email addresses not available to the public, conference call access codes, and notice of medical and other personal matters not relating to work. This information qualifies as "similar files" because it applies to particular individuals. Release of the cellular phone numbers, direct office numbers, and email addresses not available to the public could subject individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications. As for the conference call access codes, participants have a privacy interest in ensuring no uninvited individual is listening in on the call. Individuals also have a strong privacy interest in their personal activities outside of work.

Because there is a viable privacy interest that would be threatened by disclosure, and no outweighing public interest to be advanced by disclosure, FOIA Exemption 6 authorizes the DFO to withhold the information.

The DFO's review of responsive records for the other matters listed in the Complaint is ongoing. In light of the matter *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-00652 currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, administrative appeal rights are not being provided in this response letter.

If you have any questions or concerns about this **first interim response for 2018-OSEC-05830-F** or the pending civil action, please contact Ms. Marsha Yee, Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division at (202) 252-2539 or Marsha.Yee@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Alexis Graves
Departmental FOIA Officer
Office of the Chief Information Officer

Enclosure: Responsive Records (164 pages)

Copies to:

Marsha Yee, Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division
Christopher Elmore, Senior Counsel, U.S. Department of Agriculture, General Law and
Research Division

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Date: Thursday, May 04, 2017 8:56:02 AM

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Talk to y'all soon.

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Date: Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:37:25 AM

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Thanks Rebeckah and John. Attached and pasted below is the draft agenda. We would love to have you or the appropriate person from USDA join anytime between 9 and 11 a.m.

Ag Biotech Alliance

May 4, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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- 1. Biotech Disclosure Update and Discussion**
- 2. Issue Updates, Discussion, ABA Advocacy**
 - o Part 340
 - o FDA
- 3. Other Business**

Next ABA meeting: TBD

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Andrew

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From: John Goldberg [mailto:(b) (6)@sciencebasedstrategies.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Cc: Dana M. O'Brien; Andrew Walmsley
Subject: Re: Hola

Thanks Reb

Dana or Andrew, can you share the details with Rebekah?

John J. Goldberg, Ph.D.
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From: "Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC"
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 To: John Goldberg (b) (6)@sciencebasedstrategies.com>
 Cc: "Dana M. O'Brien" <(b) (6)@bio.org>
 Subject: RE: Hola

Let me check into whether I'm the right person for you – we are still in process of dividing the pie pieces. Put us down definite maybe and send me the details on preferred time etc.

From: John Goldberg [mailto:(b) (6)@sciencebasedstrategies.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Dana M. O'Brien <(b) (6)@bio.org>
Subject: Hola

Hey Reb. Congratulations on your new gig. Looking forward to hearing how it's going.

Any chance you might have some time Thursday morning to participate in

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a biotech meeting at the farm bureau?

We could patch you in by phone if that works.

Thanks

I hope to get together soon

John J. Goldberg, Ph.D.

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: got a minute?
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:43:02 AM
Attachments: [2017-829 & 830 Timber Lane Farms NOV & Resolution.pdf](#)

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: Re: got a minute?

Yes, late am I have block waiting at airport

Rebeckah Adcock
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August 22, 2017

Operations Division

SUBJECT: CEMVR-OD-P-2017-829A-C & 2017-830

Timber Lane Farms
C/O Mr. Luke Diehl
4686 N. Leaf River Road
Mt. Morris, Illinois 61054

Dear Mr. Diehl:

The United States Army Corps of Engineers has been charged by Congress with the regulation of many activities occurring in waters of the United States. I am enclosing a brochure entitled "Caring for the Nations Waters" that briefly describes the laws under which we operate.

Based on information gathered during an onsite investigation on July 13, 2017, we have made the following determinations for work that occurred at two sites owned and operated by Timber Lane Farms. These sites are located near Mt. Morris, Ogle County, IL. These projects are shown in the attached figures labeled CEMVR-OD-P-2017-829 Page 1 of 3 and CEMVR-OD-P-2017-830 Page 1 of 3.

2017-829A-C: Approximately 1,840' of a meandering tributary to Silver Creek was filled and graded with the intent to create a grassed waterway, and approximately 4 acres of directly abutting forested area was cleared. The tributary was not put into a tile. An existing tile inlet was replaced at the upstream (southwestern) end of the waterway. Three tiles outletting directly into Silver Creek were replaced at the downstream (northeastern) end of the waterway. This project is located north of N. Leaf River Road, north of Mt. Morris, in Section 24, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, Ogle County, Illinois.

2017-829A (Tree Clearing): On February 17, 2017, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) conducted a Certified Wetland Determination for the project area (Tract No. 7989). Several soil cores were taken and no hydric soils were indicated, and it was also determined the area was well drained. The 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual requires positive evidence of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology for a determination that an area is a wetland. Based on the NRCS determination the project area did not have hydric soils, therefore; we have determined that the cleared forested area was not a forested wetland under jurisdiction of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

2017-829B (Tiling): Based on a tile map dated October 10, 1963, there is an existing tile to the west of and running parallel to the ~1,840' meandering tributary to Silver Creek. Indicators of broken and clogged tile were discovered during excavation of the project area, indicating of lack of maintenance of the existing tile. During the site visit, and within the area indicated on the tile map, a portion of broken tile was observed. The tile was clogged with sediment and water was flowing out of a broken tile connector. An inlet riser at the upstream (southwest) end of the tributary was replaced. At the downstream (northeast) end of the tributary three tile outlets discharging into Silver Creek were replaced. During the site visit on July 13, 2017, you discussed the desire for further work to replace and/or repair the existing tile running to the north of and parallel to the tributary to Silver Creek.

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We determined that the proposal to repair the existing tile, the already completed tree clearing, and the already completed replacement of the tile inlet and three outlets will not and did not require Department of the Army (DA) Section 404 permit. The decision regarding these actions is based on information found in the administrative record which documents the District's decision-making process, the basis for the decision, and the final decision. No indication of discharge of dredged or fill material was found to occur in waters of the United States (including wetlands). Therefore, this determination resulted.

2017-829C (Grading): The ~1,840' meandering tributary to Silver Creek was filled and graded for the construction of a grassed waterway. The tributary was not put into a tile at the time of the site visit. Construction has ceased and the tributary is in the process of reverting back to an open and meandering stream channel within the low lying area where the tree clearing and grading occurred. After a review of the NRCS certified wetland determination, aerial photos, topographic maps, LiDAR, historical aeriels, and the site visit conducted July 13, 2017, we have made a determination that the tributary to Silver Creek is a jurisdictional water of the U.S. under Section 404 of the CWA. Since we have not authorized this fill it is in violation of the CWA.

The penalty for violation of Section 404 of the CWA is a fine of up to \$37,500 per day for each violation. However, prior to seeking any of these penalties, we will attempt to provide an administrative solution.

2017-829C (Restoration): During the site visit on July 13, 2017, you stated you are willing to perform corrective actions to resolve this violation. Grading the area and completing the construction of a grassed waterway, reseeding the grassed waterway with native vegetation, free from exotics and invasive species, and allowing the tributary to continue the process of remeandering at ground/surface level, will resolve this violation of Section 404 of the CWA. The addition of bank stabilization methods are allowed, but to the minimum extend needed, to ensure the tributary remains stable to prevent further erosion problems. The upstream flow may not be diverted to the tile, therefore bypassing the grassed waterway. If you decide to accept these corrective measures, please respond within 30 days of the date of this letter with your plan of action. A restoration plan will need to be reviewed and approved by our office. The restoration plan must include a list of species planted, the location of all plantings, cross-sectional drawings of the planting schemes and the boundaries of the temporary impacts and restoration activities. Construction may begin immediately once our office has approved the proposed final restoration site plan. This project has been assigned number CEMVR-OD-P-2017-829C. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence.

Drawings/photographs/location maps of the restored stream will be submitted to the District Engineer (DE) within 30 days of completing restoration activities.

2017-830: An approximately 1,045' meandering tributary to the Rock River was relocated approximately 50' to the east and placed into an approximately 870' straight non-perforated tile. An inlet riser was installed at the upstream (north) end of the tributary, immediately south of W. Pines Road, to divert water into the new tile. An outlet tile was constructed at the downstream (southeastern) end of the tributary outletting into the tributary to the Rock River at a culvert crossing underneath the Burlington Northern railroad tracks. At the time of the site visit, the filled tributary had been planted in soybeans. This project is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of W. Pines Road and S. Ridge Road, south of Mt. Morris, in Section 12, Township 23 North, Range 9 East, Ogle County, Illinois.

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On February 1, 2017, the NRCS conducted a Certified Wetland Determination for the project area (Tract No. 5504). This determination was done using offsite methods and no data sheets were recorded. It was determined there were no wetlands, as there were no signs of wetland signatures in any normal rainfall years in the 1980's. The Corps concurs with the determination that there were no wetlands within the project area. The NRCS does not delineate ditches or creeks as wetlands for United States Department of Agriculture purposes. For purposes of regulation under Section 404 of the CWA, the determination conducted by the NRCS does not adequately address the area where the tributary to the Rock River was located.

The ~870' construction of a non-perforated tile in an upland, approximately 50' to the east of the filled tributary, is now considered jurisdictional under Section 404 of the CWA as it functions to replace the filled ~1,045' meandering tributary to the Rock River. The newly constructed inlet riser, located south of W. Pine Road, diverts water flow from the now filled meandered waterway, through the ~870' non-perforated tile, and discharges into a newly constructed outlet, into the downstream of the tributary. After a review of the certified NRCS wetland determination, aerial photos, LiDAR, topographic maps, historical aeriels, and the site visit conducted July 13, 2017, we have made a determination that the tributary to the Rock River, both the original channel and the installed tile, are a jurisdictional waters of the U.S. under Section 404 of the CWA. Since we have not authorized this fill it is in violation of the CWA.

2017-830 (Restoration): During the site visit on July 13, 2017, you stated you are willing to re-meander the tributary to the Rock River for a total length of at least 1,045', as measured along the bank line. Performing these corrective actions will resolve this violation of Section 404 of the CWA provided the following specifications are met. The centerline of the stream meanders may differ in configuration from the original stream, but the overall length must be at least 1,045'. The banks must be sloped back to at least a 2:1 slope and reseeded with native vegetation, free from exotics and invasive species. The addition of riprap, rock riffles, or other bank stabilization methods are allowed, but to the minimum extend needed, to ensure the tributary remains stable to prevent further erosion problems. Once the newly aligned channel has been constructed and is stable, the first approximately 50' of the non-perforated tile will be broken/plugged so no flow from the upstream end of the tributary goes into any portion of the tile and the inlet rise will be removed. The remainder of the non-perforated tile will remain intact. Lateral tiles may be installed to the east of the remaining portion of the non-perforated tile, provided there are no impacts to the newly constructed stream. This includes, but is not limited to, that there are no impacts to the volume of flow rate into the reconstructed meandering tributary to the Rock River, there is no fill into waters of the US (including wetlands), and no further erosion is caused upstream of any outlets. If the lateral lines impact the newly constructed meandering tributary to the Rock River, then all tiles, within and near the project area, will be broken/plugged. Any outlets for the tile may remain intact.

Maintenance of the tiles will not qualify for an agricultural exemption under 33 CFR Part 323.4 for the purpose of putting the meandering stream into a tile; i.e. the tile cannot be used as justification for exemption to tile the stream. Activities impacting the newly constructed meandering tributary to the Rock River are strictly prohibited unless concurrence is received from our office prior to the activity occurring.

If you decide to accept these corrective measures, please respond within 30 days of the date of this letter with your plan of action. A restoration plan will need to be reviewed and approved by our office. The restoration plan must include a list of species planted, the location of all plantings, cross-sectional drawings of the planting schemes and the boundaries of the temporary impacts and restoration activities. Construction may begin immediately once our office has approved the proposed final restoration site plan. In addition, no more than 3 months from the date the new channel is constructed, the stream must be completely restored. This includes, but is not limited to, the stream must be re-meandered for a distance of at least 1,045' stable down

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that are vegetated and/or riprapped, the outlet rise removed, and flow must be fully restored. This project has been assigned number CEMVR-OD-P-2017-830. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence.

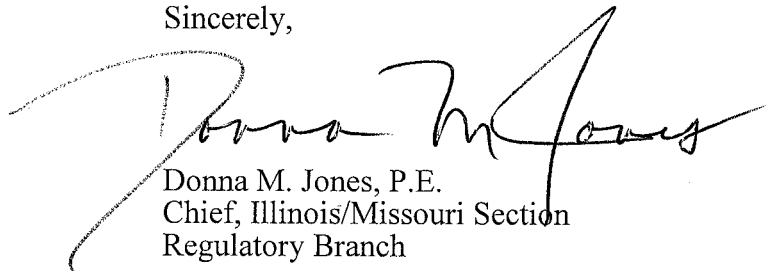
Drawings/photographs/location maps of the restored stream will be submitted to the District Engineer (DE) within 30 days of completing restoration activities.

The appropriate state and federal agencies will receive an opportunity to comment on this project, once appropriate details are available.

Thank you for your cooperation during this investigation.

Please contact our Regulatory Branch by letter, telephone or email to Mrs. Kirsten Brown at 309/794-5104 or Kirsten.L.Brown@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



Donna M. Jones, P.E.
Chief, Illinois/Missouri Section
Regulatory Branch

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: NOV
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:29:48 PM
Attachments: [2017-829 & 830 Timber Lane Farms NOV & Resolution.pdf](#)

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:26 PM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: Re: Any Word

Not yet - did you send the info?

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Aug 31, 2017, at 11:40 AM, Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#)> wrote:

Have you talked to the Corps?

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Don Parrish](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: RE:
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 11:28:23 AM

I'll call u when out of meeting

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Sep 14, 2017, at 11:27 AM, Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#)> wrote:

What number should I call?

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
[\[mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov\]](mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov)
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: Re:

Yes, and getting answers

Rebeckah Adcock
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On Sep 14, 2017, at 11:26 AM, Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#)> wrote:

Do you have a minute to talk?

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [James McVaney](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting request
Date: Friday, May 19, 2017 12:25:09 PM

Of course, always happy to meet with the NC crew!

Reb

From: James McVaney [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)](#)@bayer.com]
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 11:59 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting request

Thanks Rebeckah.

For Baumann we would make the meeting the "anchor meeting" for his trip, so that would need to be with the Secretary. So I guess that we would have to wait until later.

I am trying to find some days for Jim Blome to come up from NC in the next few weeks. Can I take you up on the OSEC advisors offer for Jim?

Best,

Jim

PS - about to have lunch with J Vroom. Shall I pass on a "hello"?

Jim McVaney
 Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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On May 17, 2017, at 4:59 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Jim:

The Secretary will not be able to meet during the week requested, *but* the opportunity to host Mr. Baumann at USDA in the Secretary's office is very important to us.

Lauren asked me to reach out to Bayer as to whether we could offer a meeting with Senior OSEC Advisors and appropriate under cabinet leaders as an alternative option to discuss Bayer's issues and concerns for the Secretary?

We can also offer to try again at a later date when the Secretary's schedule normalizes (cross your fingers).

Let me know.

Reb

From: James McVaney [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@bayer.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@bayer.com)]

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 12:36 PM

To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>

Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Meeting request

Lauren,

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Jim

Jim McVaney
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Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 8:20 PM
To: James McVaney
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Meeting request

James,

I sincerely apologize for the delay. We are working to manage the Secretary's schedule for the next few weeks. I will reach back out to you early next week when we have a better sense of what the beginning of June looks like. Thank you for your understanding during our first few weeks!

Best,
 Lauren

From: James McVaney [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@bayer.com](mailto:(b) (6)@bayer.com)]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:27 PM
To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting request

Lauren,

Rebeckah Adcock indicated that I should reach out to you about a potential meeting request for our global CEO, Werner Baumann. He would be company NG from Germany and this meeting would be the primary reason for his trip.

The primary focus would be to introduce himself and Bayer's agriculture business, and to discuss our planned acquisition of Monsanto.

We are targeting June 5. Is that even a possibility?

Thank you,

Jim

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To: [Sarah Brown Dirkes](#)
Subject: Declined: Farm Bureau Industry Reception

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Emily Jordan](#)
Subject: RE: President's Commodity Group Meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 9:35:11 AM

Emily:

Are you aware of any breakfast or lunch events at the Annual Meeting on Monday, don't need to be sponsored by AFBF, just need to be concurrent with the meeting? Happy to speak with event coordinators re the master schedule if appropriate.

Thanks,
 Rebeckah

From: Emily Jordan [mailto:(b) (6)@fb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Sarah Brown Dirkes (b) (6)@fb.org
Subject: Re: President's Commodity Group Meeting

Thanks Lauren!

Rebeckah, we would be happy to have you on behalf of the Department. I'm looping in Sarah Dirkes to confirm and make sure you have all the details you need.

Best,
 Emily Jordan | Executive Assistant
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From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:25:47 PM
To: Emily Jordan
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: President's Commodity Group Meeting

Great, thank you! I have CC'd Rebeckah here for any additional details or coordination that may be needed. Thank you!

Best,
 Lauren

From: Emily Jordan [mailto:(b) (6)@fb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Re: President's Commodity Group Meeting

Hi Lauren-

Same to you! Thanks for letting me know, that is definitely appropriate. I will pass along to our facilitators as well.

Best,
Emily

Emily Jordan | Executive Assistant
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From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:23:01 PM

To: Emily Jordan

Subject: RE: President's Commodity Group Meeting

Hi Emily,

Hope you had a great Holiday! I don't know that the Secretary will arrive in time to attend this, but Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, is available to attend, if appropriate. Please let me know and I will connect you with her.

Thank you!
Lauren

From: Emily Jordan [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@fb.org](mailto:(b) (6)@fb.org)]

Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 12:55 PM

To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: President's Commodity Group Meeting

Hey Lauren-

Thanks so much for the check-in this morning. Below is the tentative agenda and attached are the confirmed attendees for the President's Commodity Group Meeting on **Sunday, January 7th at 2:30pm.**

I understand that the Secretary will have a bit of driving to do that day so please just share that Pres. Duvall wanted him to know he is welcome and invited to join if his schedule allows.

Sunday, January 7th 2017 -2:30 – 4:00pm

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center

2800 Opryland Dr., Nashville, TN 37214

Room: Canal A

I. 2:30 – 2:45 Greeting from Senator Moran & questions

- II. 2:45 - 3:00 Introductions
- III. 3:00 - 4:00 Farm Bill discussion

Happy Holidays!

Emily Jordan | Executive Assistant
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Andrew Walmsley](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Hudson, Bethany - OSEC, Washington DC](#)
Subject: RE: Taskforce and Innovation
Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 2:04:10 PM

Andrew – Brian Klippenstein is managing and refining the work of that interagency workgroup – “innovation, technology and data” - within the Task Force effort, and Bethany Hudson is supporting him in that effort.

They would best be able to guide you and receive your thoughts on that part of the work of the Task Force. I have cc'd them here to connect with you.

Kindly,
 Reb

From: Andrew Walmsley (b) (6) @fb.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Taskforce and Innovation

Rebeckah,

I hope you are well. I was wondering if you might have some time for a brief chat with a few of us that work on innovation in ag about the interagency taskforce, future engagement and possibly a forum to provide an update on some of the department's work.

Let me know if you would like to chat so I can give you a better idea of what we are thinking or if you have some time in the near future for us to come visit.

Thank you,

Andrew

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From: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Don Parrish](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: Any Word
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 11:40:37 AM

I am out of the office until Tuesday, September 5th and will reply to your message upon my return or as appropriate while on travel.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Don Parrish](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting Request
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 2:13:47 PM

No preference, just whether you need me to participate.

From: Don Parrish (b) (6) @fb.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request

Which would you prefer?

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 1:31 PM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: Re: Meeting Request

I won't be here on Thursday, in nc.

Can connect u with others? Or we can do the conf call like u suggested?

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Sep 28, 2017, at 1:00 PM, Don Parrish (b) (6) @fb.org> wrote:

I made a mistake...they will be in town on Thursday the 5th... I am so sorry for the confusion.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
[\[mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov\]](mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov)
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: RE: Meeting Request

Yes, Friday the 6th works – early afternoon is best if possible. Come to 200 A for checkin.

Will bring the right people with me.

Reb

From: Don Parrish (b) (6) [REDACTED]@fb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting Request

I would like to bring a group of Illinois Farmers by on October 6th. Will that work for your schedule?

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Emily Jordan](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: Question?
Date: Sunday, January 07, 2018 12:20:18 PM

Thank you for your message.

I am out of the office until Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Emily Jordan](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Question?
Date: Sunday, January 07, 2018 1:52:06 PM

Call me when u can on cell (b) (6)

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Jan 7, 2018, at 11:20, Emily Jordan (b) (6) [@fb.org](#) wrote:

Hey Rebeckah,

Julie Anna mentioned that you had called her with a question about the Secretary's schedule. We are still in Opening General session so she may not be able to get back to you.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions for you or if you'd like me to give you a call.

Best,
Emily Jordan | Executive Assistant
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [James McVaney](#)
Subject: Re: CLI meeting
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 12:52:16 PM

Note Ag trade press reports of his travel out west this week.

Rebeckah Adcock

Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Jun 1, 2017, at 12:39 PM, James McVaney <(b) (6)@bayer.com> wrote:

That's what I need. Thank you

Jim McVaney
 Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:44 AM
To: James McVaney
Subject: RE: CLI meeting

He left town on Tues.

From: James McVaney [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@bayer.com](mailto:(b) (6)@bayer.com)]
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: CLI meeting

Thanks. The meeting was Tues and Wednesday of this week in DC. Was the sec around?

Jim McVaney
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
[\[mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov\]](mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov)
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:17 AM
To: James McVaney
Subject: RE: CLI meeting

I'm not certain as that request did not go thru me. It may be accurate though as the Secretary has and will be on the road a lot for lately and thru the summer – making up for lost time.

Would have to defer to scheduler, my COS and CLA/CLI on this one.

Reb

From: James McVaney [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@bayer.com](mailto:(b) (6)@bayer.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: CLI meeting

Did the meeting for the Sec with the CLI board get cancelled?

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Don Parrish](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: got a minute?
Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 11:28:22 AM

Today is crunch time. May try over lunch

Rebeckah Adcock
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On Feb 20, 2018, at 11:27, Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#)> wrote:

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Emily Jordan](#)
Cc: [Westcott, Nick - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Placek, Robert - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Confirm book for 12-12:20/25 pm
Date: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 5:12:59 PM

Yes, all good -sending you a formal reply in a few minutes

-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Jordan [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@fb.org](mailto:(b) (6)@fb.org)]
 Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 5:12 PM
 To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
 Cc: Westcott, Nick - OSEC, Washington, DC <Nick.Westcott@osec.usda.gov>; Placek, Robert - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rob.Placek@osec.usda.gov>
 Subject: RE: Confirm book for 12-12:20/25 pm

Hey Rebeckah-

I saw this come through on my watch earlier but could not find it to respond. It had gone into spam.

Hopefully my earlier email sufficed but this time is good to confirm with the WH.

Thanks,

Emily Jordan | Executive Assistant
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-----Original Message-----

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
 Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 12:11 PM
 To: Emily Jordan <(b) (6)@fb.org>
 Cc: Westcott, Nick - OSEC, Washington, DC <Nick.Westcott@osec.usda.gov>; Placek, Robert - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rob.Placek@osec.usda.gov>
 Subject: Confirm book for 12-12:20/25 pm

Emily:

Confirm the earlier time for Secretary remarks. Our advance teams will coordinate from there.

Then, he will also briefly introduce the President just before the 3pm address.

Thanks much for you time and patience with all the footwork!

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Sarah Brown Dirkes](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: President's Commodity Group Meeting
Date: Friday, December 29, 2017 2:47:29 PM

Thank you for your message.

I am out of the office until Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

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From: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [James McVane](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: Taylor?
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:47:30 PM

I am out of the office until Tuesday, September 5th and will reply to your message upon my return or as appropriate while on travel.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Emily Jordan](#)
Cc: [Barke, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Westcott, Nick - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Placek, Robert - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Response to Tentative Monday Schedule
Date: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 7:37:52 PM

Perfect thank you.

Rebeckah Adcock
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On Jan 3, 2018, at 19:08, Emily Jordan (b) (6) [@fb.org](#) wrote:

Hi Rebeckah-

The below looks good and was confirmed with the WH.

1. We won't confirm him as a guest judge for the YF&R Final Four until you can let us know for sure.
2. Mace Thornton, our Communications Department Manager, is facilitating this and is aware of Anne Hazlett's participation in this.
3. We have the Secretary speaking first at the 12:00pm Closing General Session.

Finally, below is the proposed menu for the dinner with President Duvall (b) (6) on Sunday evening that I sent to Nick earlier. We have a proposed meal time of 7:00pm but can alter that if needed based on the Secretary's arrival. Please let me know if anyone plans to accompany him, right now the plan is for a small intimate group, no additional staff on our end.

Filet of Beef | Merlot wine glaze, tomato jam, roasted baby carrot and shallot mashed potatoes

Please let me know if there are more details that I can assist with. Looking forward to all of this!

Emily Jordan | Executive Assistant

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

[\[mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov\]](mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov)

Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 4:26 PM

To: Emily Jordan <(b) (6) [@fb.org](#)>

Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>;
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 OSEC, Washington, DC <Nick.Westcott@osec.usda.gov>; Placek, Robert - OSEC,
 Washington, DC <Rob.Placek@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Response to Tentative Monday Schedule

Emily –

Here is the latest from our scheduling team, including one requested adjustment (**bolded** events indicate **confirmed USDA** participation):

1. The Secretary will have a rolling schedule of media related obligations most of the morning, so everything below is tentative on his schedule but not confirmed. If he can participate, we will let you know as soon as we know: no special arrangements are needed for him at these events.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->7:30AM – 8:30AM: YF&R Final Four

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<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->8:30AM – 10:00AM: Taste of America

2. For **the 8:30AM – 9:30AM: Opioid discussion, the Secretary has asked Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development, Anne Hazlett** to participate in that meeting in his stead and on behalf of USDA. Anne has a great depth of knowledge on this issue and leads the office that has the most USDA equity for the issue. I will send a follow-on email to connect you with Anne's assistant to firm things up.

3. **The Secretary plans to be present for some of the closing general session and all of the POTUS Program.**

As noted below, we do ask whether it's possible for his remarks to be on deck first for the 12-noon slot as he is likely to have another obligation on site near the 1 o'clock hour.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->11:15AM – 11:45: Reba M&G

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**12:00PM – 1:30PM: Closing General Session**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->**Secretary Purdue speaks for 25 – 30 minutes** (Note: The Secretary's address includes a short video midway through his remarks. Our comm team will be reaching out to your event/comm team to arrange for that ASAP.)

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->YF&R awards

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->REI awards

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->~~Secretary Purdue speaks for 20 – 30 minutes~~

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->Reba (not confirmed)

<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->**2:30PM – 4:00PM: POTUS**

program

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->**Color Guard**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->**National Anthem**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->**Invocation**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->**Video presentation of Farm
Bureau's work and mission (WH suggestion)**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->**President Duval introduces
Secretary Purdue**

2:55PM: Secretary Purdue introduces POTUS

3:00PM – 4:00PM: POTUS remarks and possible signing event

We appreciate AFBF's flexibility in moving things around and staying nimble. I know I speak our collective team with an earnest "thank you" to all involved on your end – the annual meeting just got a whole lot bigger, and it was plenty big already!

Kindly,
Rebeckah

From: Emily Jordan [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@fb.org](mailto:(b) (6)@fb.org)]

Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 1:12 PM

To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Tentative Monday Schedule

Hey Rebeckah-

Thanks for your patience this morning, I hope this is helpful. Please let me know how I can help!

- 7:15AM: Trade show opens
- 7:30AM – 8:30AM: YF&R Final Four; Cultivation Center stage
- 8:30AM – 9:30AM: Opioid discussion; Cultivation Center stage
- 8:30AM – 10:00AM: Taste of America (we need to feed people before they enter the Delta ballroom)
- 10:00AM – 12:00PM: Attendees through security
- 11:15AM – 11:45: Reba M&G (not confirmed)
- 12:00PM – 1:30PM: Closing General Session
 - YF&R awards
 - REI awards
 - Secretary Purdue speaks for 20 – 30 minutes
 - Reba (not confirmed)
- 1:30PM – 2:00PM: Intermission (attendees stay in the secure area)
- 2:30PM – 4:00PM: POTUS program (still working out the details)
 - Color Guard

National Anthem

- Invocation
- Video presentation of Farm Bureau's work and mission (WH suggestion)
- President Duval introduces Secretary Purdue
- 2:55PM: Secretary Purdue introduces POTUS
- 3:00PM – 4:00PM: POTUS remarks and possible EO signing

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Bacon, Antoinette T. \(ODAG\)](#); [Wetmore, David H. \(ODAG\)](#); (b) (6)@fb.org; (b) (6)@fb.org
Cc: [Peterson, Dana - RD, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Connecting re Rural Elder Justice
Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 12:26:34 PM

All –

This email serves to connect DOJ with Julie Anna Potts from American Farm Bureau. I have given Julie Anna a brief description of what DOJ is hoping to do by connecting with a family impacted by elder abuse in rural America. She will facilitate working with state Farm Bureaus to assist with the DOJ event on the 15th.

Kindly,
Rebeckah

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: (b) (6) @fb.org
Subject: Re: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference
Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 4:46:11 PM

I think this will work, let me check on a couple of things before I lock in.

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Jun 5, 2017, at 4:25 PM, Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) @fb.org wrote:

Hi Rebeckah! Hope you can join us. I know folks would be happy to see you and are truly interested in how the process is going.

In addition, I will send a separate invitation but we'd love for you to come to the 6:00-7:30 reception that evening with our group and a few other "FB alumni".

Thanks!

Mary Kay

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: (b) (6) @fb.org
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference
Date: Thursday, June 08, 2017 1:12:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Nah, just kidding. 5:15 works for me...poor them!

From: Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) @fb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference

i'm just trying to be able to get you to stay for the reception. you want to go earlier? i can make it earlier

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Mary Kay Thatcher
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference

Lord, you want them to end the day on a really low note, huh?!?!;)

From: Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) @fb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference

Great news!! What if I put you on from 5:15 to 6:00 and then the reception is at 6???

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Mary Kay Thatcher
Cc: Mary Kay Thatcher; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference

MKT –

I'd be honored to accept the invitation. How about we pick a time workable for your agenda later in the day? (best option for me to have a shot at the reception!) Let me know what you settle on while that day is still mostly open.



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From: Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) [@fb.org](mailto:(b) (6)@fb.org)

Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 4:25 PM

To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>

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Thanks!

Mary Kay

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From: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Sarah Brown Dirkes](#)
Subject: Accepted: Presidents Commodity Group Meeting (2:30 local time)

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [James McVane](#)
Subject: Scheduling
Date: Thursday, May 04, 2017 12:54:45 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Jim –

Meeting requests to the Secretary should be sent to Director of Scheduling, Lauren Sullivan,
Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov.



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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Don Parrish](#)
Subject: Re: When would be a good time to visit next week?
Date: Friday, July 28, 2017 6:13:38 PM

Ok

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Jul 28, 2017, at 5:03 PM, Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#)> wrote:

Have a great weekend...but need to visit next week.

Don R Parrish
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(b) (6) [@fb.org](#)

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: Mkt@fb.org; (b) (6) @torrey.com; (b) (6) @gmail.com; Anne Steckel - national Biodiesel Board
 (b) (6) @ardentstrategicconsulting.com; Brooks, Dana; (b) (6) @yahoo.com; Caroline Rydell
 (b) (6) @farmcreditbank.com; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:26:03 PM

Coincidentally spoke with Stephan today and he told me this just happened (b) (6)

(b) (6). Such a dear man.

Reb

From: Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) @fb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:22 PM
To: (b) (6) @torrey.com; (b) (6) @gmail.com; Anne Steckel - national Biodiesel Board
 (b) (6) @ardentstrategicconsulting.com) <(b) (6) @ardentstrategicconsulting.com>; Brooks, Dana
 <(b) (6) @landolakes.com>; (b) (6) @yahoo.com; Caroline Rydell
 (b) (6) @farmcreditbank.com) <(b) (6) @farmcreditbank.com>; Adcock, Rebeckah -
 OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Boswell, Kristi - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Kristi.Boswell@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: (b) (6)

From: Julie Anna Potts (b) (6) @fb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Mary Kay Thatcher
Cc: SFB Administrators; SFB Presidents; AFBF ALL Personnel
Subject: (b) (6)

I'm sad to share the news (b) (6)

(b) (6)

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Don Parrish](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: when you get a minute
Date: Monday, October 23, 2017 12:04:26 PM

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Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Oct 23, 2017, at 11:49 AM, Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#)> wrote:

Let's visit. thanks

Don R Parrish
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(b) (6) [@afb.org](#)

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: (b) (6) @fb.org
Subject: Re: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference
Date: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 6:01:22 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

It's fine, just kidding

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Jun 7, 2017, at 4:10 PM, Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) @fb.org> wrote:

i'm just trying to be able to get you to stay for the reception. you want to go earlier? i can make it earlier

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Mary Kay Thatcher
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference

Lord, you want them to end the day on a really low note, huh?!!!;)

From: Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) @fb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference

Great news!! What if I put you on from 5:15 to 6:00 and then the reception is at 6???

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Mary Kay Thatcher
Cc: Mary Kay Thatcher; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference

MKT –

I'd be honored to accept the invitation. How about we pick a time workable for your agenda later in the day? (best option for me to have a shot at the reception!) Let me know what you settle on while that day is still mostly open.

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Senior Advisor to the Secretary

<image001.png> Office of the Secretary

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Cell: (b) (6)

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From: Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) [@fb.org](mailto:(b) (6)@fb.org)
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: (b) (6) [@fb.org](mailto:(b) (6)@fb.org)
Subject: Invitation to speak at our Public Policy Conference

Hi Rebeckah! Hope you can join us. I know folks would be happy to see you and are truly interested in how the process is going.

In addition, I will send a separate invitation but we'd love for you to come to the 6:00-7:30 reception that evening with our group and a few other "FB alumni".

Thanks!

Mary Kay

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Emily Jordan](#)
Cc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Barke, Sam - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Westcott, Nick - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Placek, Robert - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Recall: Response to Tentative Monday Schedule
Date: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 5:25:40 PM

Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC would like to recall the message, "Response to Tentative Monday Schedule".

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Don Parrish](#)
Subject: Re: Any Word
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:31:34 PM

Got it now

Rebeckah Adcock
 Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

> On Aug 31, 2017, at 12:30 PM, Don Parrish (b) (6) @fb.org> wrote:
 >
 > The certified NRCS determination.
 >
 > Don R Parrish
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 > (b) (6) @fb.org
 >
 > From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
 > Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:26 PM
 > To: Don Parrish
 > Subject: Re: Any Word
 >
 > Not yet - did you send the info?
 >
 > Rebeckah Adcock
 > Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov<<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>>
 >
 > On Aug 31, 2017, at 11:40 AM, Don Parrish <donp@fb.org> (b) (6) @fb.org>> wrote:
 > Have you talked to the Corps?
 >
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 > <Diehl Meeting.pdf>

From: [Sarah Brown Dirkes](#)
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Farm Bureau Industry Reception

Please join AFBF and state Farm Bureau policy staff for a reception in downtown Nashville!

<http://www.fb.org/events/afbf-annual-convention>

From: Danielle Quist
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Scheduling a call
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 9:51:00 AM

(b) (6). Thank you.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 9:49 AM
To: Danielle Quist
Subject: Re: Scheduling a call

Yes, will be late but send me mobile to be sure I get you if not in office

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Sep 19, 2017, at 9:39 AM, Danielle Quist (b) (6)@fb.org wrote:

Good morning Rebeckah. I have an issue I would like to discuss with you. Would it be possible to schedule a short call?

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From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920]
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8
Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:27:12 PM

Rebeckah,

Thanks so much for the quick response. Repetition and volume seem to be hallmarks of Politico's reporting, so maybe I will chalk it up that!

I appreciate your willingness to find a way for USDA to participate on August 8 with our Vegetable Advisory Council. I'll be in touch later this summer, well ahead of the date, as I get more details on a time frame and hopefully we can work something out with you or an OSEC colleague. Thank you so much!

Scott

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:36 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] (b) (6) @monsanto.com>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Interesting shared observation, Scott. All I can think is that it must be a slow news day. Me restating what is largely already in executive orders or that the Secretary has alluded to in public doesn't seem that newsworthy, but maybe it bears repeating?

I am not sure at this time what August will hold for OSEC. However, I thank you for the invitation and will absolutely add as a placeholder on my calendar. As the date draws closer, let's circle back to confirm whether I can participate and or if additional people or a surrogate is needed. I'm reasonably confident that USDA will be able to honor the invitation.

Kindly,

Rebeckah

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [mailto:(b) (6) @monsanto.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well. I missed your talk at Farm Foundation this morning, but Politico was

certainly hanging on your every word based on the news clips I have read today. I hope you thought the appearance was a good one.

This is far, far off into the future, but I wanted to get this invitation on your radar sooner rather than later. Monsanto has for some time had a Vegetable Advisory Council: a group of industry leaders who advise and provide counsel to our vegetable business leadership team. We usually balance our meetings between outside speakers/tours/visits that benefit the industry as a whole and with meetings or events on more Monsanto veg-business focused topics in order to get their feedback. The Council meets twice a year, typically once in St. Louis and once in another location. This August the meeting will be here in Washington.

We would like to invite you to meet with the Council on August 8 at the W Hotel in downtown Washington. This group would be interested to hear in the new Administration's thoughts on regulatory reform in general, and what may be in store for USDA, in particular. I expect the group would have thoughts on buyer stipulations around production methods and current regs for food safety, pesticides, organic standards, and so on. I can do whatever is helpful or necessary to get perspectives or possible questions ahead of time, but in general the meetings with this group are largely informal and free-flowing. I expect the group would hope for an hour of time, but I can check.

I've attached the biographies of the members of the Council. You will undoubtedly recognize or know some of the organizations and individual members.

If this time frame works for you, please let me know. I recognize it is in the heart of summer vacation season. If it does not but you can think of a colleague who may be able to speak to this group, please let me know that, as well, and we can discuss further. I look forward to hearing from you.

Scott Kuschmider
Director, Government Affairs
Monsanto Company

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: got a minute?
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:44:12 AM
Attachments: [Diehl Meeting.pdf](#)

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: Re: got a minute?

Yes, late am I have block waiting at airport

Rebeckah Adcock
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From: James McVaney
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Settled in yet?
Date: Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:39:29 AM

Thanks. I really appreciate it.

Jim McVaney
 Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:24 AM
To: James McVaney
Subject: RE: Settled in yet?

I am the designated Regulatory Reform Officer (per all the POTUS EO's) in addition to a few other issues here and there. In an agency built on a century of regulations, it's a daunting task – but lots of room for making tangible improvements. To some extent, we are all 'jacks of all trades'.

I will send you the scheduler's information in separate email.

Reb

From: James McVaney [mailto:(b) (6) [@bayer.com](#)]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Settled in yet?

I have a lot of faith in the Gov, you and the team that is being built over there. Have you been able to define your issues portfolio yet, or is that an evolving process?

Also, we are scoping out dates for our CEO in Germany to meet with Sec. Perdue. Who should I talk to about scheduling?

Jim

Jim McVaney
Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:00 AM
To: James McVaney
Subject: RE: Settled in yet?

If you mean do I have a desk, phone and computer – yes. If you mean have we worked out how to improve make 90K people better serve their constituencies, we will need a few more weeks (and my “weeks,” I mean a lot longer than that). But, we are full speed ahead in the effort. Great, good minded team here. It’s an honor.

Reb

From: James McVaney [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@bayer.com](mailto:(b) (6)@bayer.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Settled in yet?

Have you figured it all out yet?

Sorry I didn't have the chance to congratulate you on the move. What a great opportunity.

Best of luck and most certainly we will be in touch.

Jim

Jim McVaney
Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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From: SHARP, KATHRYN A [AG/1000]
To: Bill Brim; BURCHETT, ANDREW [AG/1000]; (b) (6) @wga.com; ERNANDES, MARCELO [AG/1000]; FERREIRA, JUAN A [AG/1000]; LANGBEHN, SEBASTIAN [AG/1000]; LUGO, GERARDO [AG/1000]; marty Strauss; Minos Athanassiadis; PARRISH, MICHAEL [AG/1920]; Phil Lempert; PURCELL, JOHN P [AG/2401]; Robert Guenther-FASContact; Roberta Cook; SHARP, KATHRYN A [AG/1000]; Tim York; Tony DiMare; Mike Aerts; STUMP, JEREMY [AG/1920]
Cc: LUDWIG, KRISTIN [AG/1000]; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC; William J. Friedman; Christy Melhart Slay; Rick B. Stein (FMI); JONES, CARL [AG/2401]; (b) (6) @sorbellofarmscsa.com; SCOTT, CAMILLE LYNNE [AG/1000]; ORELLANA, CLAUDIA V [AG/1000]; FARMER, TRACY L [AG/1000]; Martha Tucker; Michelle Hill
Subject: MVSAC Arrival Information
Date: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 2:59:08 PM
Attachments: [April Summary 42617.pdf](#)
[Agenda 080817.pdf](#)

Greetings!

We are days away from our next council meeting. Attached for your review are the April conference call minutes, and the most recent agenda.

AIRPORT ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Abe's Transportation will be providing roundtrip ground transportation from your arrival airport to the W Hotel. Drivers will meet guests in baggage claim. Drivers will be carrying signs with advisory council logo and last name of passenger. They will be wearing black suits. If you do not see your driver, please call 202-518-0333, x2 for dispatch.
- On the day of travel, if for any reason you won't be arriving on the expected flight (either the airlines cancel the flight or the flight is missed), please call Abe's Transportation.
- IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:
 - Abe's Transportation: 202-518-0333
 - W Hotel: 202-661-2400

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AUGUST 7 ARRIVALS

- There will be a casual get together the evening of August 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the hotel rooftop.
- Appetizers will be provided.
- There will also be a night time tour of national monuments. If attending, please be in the lobby at 8:30 to board the shuttle.

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

- The W is located at 515 15th Street NW, Washington, DC. Our meeting room is Studio 1 and Studio 2.
- You need to let the valet know you are with the Vegetable Advisory Council meeting and your charges will be posted to the master account.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Safe travels,

Kathy

Cell: (b) (6)

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Monsanto Vegetable Seeds Advisory Council Conference Call**April 26, 2017****Full Meeting Report**

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SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marty Strauss, Advisory Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. CDT. It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the August 2-3, 2016 meeting in Oxnard, California be approved as written. The minutes were approved.

Marty announced that the next meeting will be held August 8-9, 2017 in Washington, D.C. Marty introduced and welcomed the newest council members: Juan Ferreira, Marcelo Ernandes, and Gerardo Lugo.

SECTION II: BUSINESS UPDATE**JUAN FERREIRA AND SEBASTIAN LANGBEHN**

- Juan explained his current position with Monsanto and provided an update on the Bayer integration.
- The regulatory approval process is ongoing around the globe.
- A recent earnings release was a good result compared to budget and last year's results in all company business: corn and seed, cotton, crop protection, and seed applied solutions.
- The Climate Corp business is advancing and opportunities are valued by farmers around the globe.
- There has been consistent growth and peppers, tomatoes, and onions are tracking higher than prior years.
- The United States is experiencing its fourth consecutive year of growth.

SECTION III: NAFTA TRADE OUTLOOK FOR AGRICULTURE**BRIAN POMPER**

- Break in bi-partisan consensus on trade
- Changes in trade law
- Wilbur Ross, Commerce Secretary
- Policy: China and Mexico and trade enforcement
- China has a 100-day plan in place
- Working to find resolution for agribiotech approvals
- There are a lot of unfilled positions in new administration
- There have been more NAFTA problems with Canada than Mexico

SECTION IV: Q&A WITH BRIAN

- NAFTA is having a negligible impact on the overall United States economy
- **Q:** Will common sense prevail in the current administration?

- **Reason will prevail**
- USDA is a major player in trade policy
- Ag is suffering due to focus on industrial trade issues

SECTION V: COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Organization	Update
Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association Mike Stuart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data around trade issues • Mexico trade deficit is now \$55B highest since 2007 • Mexico import growth at expense of Southeast growers • Advocacy groups against ag influence consumer buying habits • Environmental arena is a continuing trend
Western Growers Association Dave Puglia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration reform is top issue -- healthcare and tax reform are excuses • H2A (lack of housing) • Permit issues for housing for over 500,000 workers • Regulatory review, ESA reform, water, crop protection regulations • Water relief, underdeveloped infrastructure based on 1970 population • Actual appropriations
Grower-Packer-Shipper Tony DiMare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tomato challenges • Mexico is encroaching on domestic market – large volume from Mexico and Canada • Ongoing problem with protected culture in Mexico affecting peppers and cucumbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Tremendous impact causing cheap pricing in Florida • Texas watermelon growers having impact on domestic producers • Long term problem with Mexico • Less workers in industry • Housing problems • Labor situation and trade at top of list
Grower-Owner Bill Brim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southeast is facing issues of immigration reform, H2A, NAFTA • Sonny Perdue (past Governor from Georgia) will keep ag at the forefront
Other Minos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due diligence on professional investors – vertical ag, hot house projects • Looking for funding in New York, Chicago, etc. • Educating on economics • Challenge clients are 800+ and software companies do not work together • Not solving his grower problems • Sees a path for Climate • Business opportunity platform
Academia Roberta Cook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referenced recent University of Arizona presentation regarding fresh market producing trends • There has been an increase in total retail of hot house sales • Retail sector data excludes food service • Starting to see growth in general in retail produce as a whole • Consumption of produce correlates to income • Hot house growth is up 5.8% for the quarter • Growth in snacking and smaller tomatoes • Grow mainly in protected culture • Gains in retail are higher for hot house than field; packaged rather than bulk

SECTION VI: MEETING REVIEW AND WRAP UP

- The next face to face meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. in August
- Alternate between east and west coasts for meetings
- The call was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: time to talk this afternoon?
Date: Friday, August 10, 2018 9:50:48 AM

From: Dale Moore
To: [Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Bonfitto, Jordan - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: RMA request 2 2018.pdf
Date: Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:05:15 AM

Thank you Peter – this is why I was checking. Extending signup for a disaster package is one thing, but from experience, extending crop insurance sign up comes with a whole truckload of issues – including frank and earnest conversations about lawsuits from SRA holders. I am happy to help herd Hector's expectations back in line with the rules and regs. Just let me know what you can share and I will visit with him and Jose. dwm

From: Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC <Peter.Bachmann@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 8:54 AM
To: Dale Moore (b) (6) @fb.org>
Cc: Bonfitto, Jordan - OSEC, Washington, DC <Jordan.Bonfitto@osec.usda.gov>; Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC <Blake.Rollins@osec.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: RMA request 2 2018.pdf

Hi Dale,

I talked to the Secretary about this with Northey the day he got back from the USVI/PR trip and his recollection was to extend the date for claims from last year to be submitted. Their reasoning was because they didn't have power and were unable to report losses until now.

This sounds like a third iteration of the request. I will run this by the FCIC/RMA folks but I would not be overly optimistic that there will be a different result.

Peter

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dale Moore (b) (6) @fb.org>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 7:05:05 AM EDT
To: "Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Blake.Rollins@osec.usda.gov>, "Bonfitto, Jordan - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Jordan.Bonfitto@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: FW: RMA request 2 2018.pdf

Gentlemen, I received the attached from our Puerto Rico president regarding a request to RMA and an apparent conversation Hector had with Sec. Perdue during his visit to

the island. I do not have a particular ask on the request, but thought it wise to check in to assess the accuracy of his reference to the Secretary's indication of support. Thank you, Dale

From: Hector I Cordero <(b) (6)@prfb.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 7:55 PM
To: dave.miller@rma.usda.gov
Cc: Zippy Duvall <(b) (6)@fb.org>; Dale Moore <(b) (6)@fb.org>;
jlugo@agricultura.pr.gov; Michael.Ayala@mail.house.gov;
Jenniffer.Gonzalez@mail.house.gov
Subject: RMA request 2 2018.pdf

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From: CropLife America
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Invitation to the CropLife America 2017 Holiday Open House
Date: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:17:42 AM

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HP-Invite



Dear Rebeckah,

You are invited to join us to celebrate the season! We hope to see you on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

Please respond by clicking [Yes](#) or [No](#). We look forward to your response!

Sincerely,
CropLife America
(b) (6) @croplifeamerica.org

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From: Francesca Purcell
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Sorry that you cannot attend the CropLife America 2017 Holiday Open House
Date: Thursday, November 02, 2017 3:45:53 PM

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Dear Rebeckah,

Thank you for your response. We are sorry that you will not be attending the CropLife America 2017 Holiday Open House. We hope that you will join us at one of our future events.

Sincerely,
Francesca Purcell
CropLife America
 @croplifeamerica.org

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Any Word
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:27:17 PM

I did. Do you need it again?

Don R Parrish
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 12:26 PM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: Re: Any Word

Not yet - did you send the info?

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Aug 31, 2017, at 11:40 AM, Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#) wrote:

Have you talked to the Corps?

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To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 9:43:20 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Rebeckah,

I have passed that note on. Thank you again for your willingness to come address the group. I will link up you and Tim with a point of contact for that day should there be any issues.

Scott Kuschmider
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 8:08 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] <(b) (6)@monsanto.com>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

All that should work , Scott.

One caveat – I am ethically precluded from talking about WOTUS so will have to leave that to others.

Reb

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [mailto:(b) (6)@monsanto.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

First of all, we are having severe company-wide email issues, so I hope this is getting to you on Friday morning, as I am hitting 'send.' I apologize for any delay in the response.

WHAT: Conversation with Monsanto Vegetable Advisory Council, a group of industry leaders who advise and provide counsel to our vegetable business leadership team

WHERE: W Hotel, 515 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004

WHEN: 10:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 8

The agenda and Council biographies are attached. The overall theme of the day is “Regulatory and Market Trends that Will Impact Produce.” It is an informal, off-the-record conversation with an anticipation that Q&A will be part of the 50-minute time allotted. Here is what I think would be most beneficial to the group:

- The new Administration’s priorities and actions to date on regulatory reform in general, across agencies, and what may be in store for USDA, in particular
- Any thoughts on buyer stipulations around production methods and current regs for food safety, pesticides and organic standards
- I know it’s not in the USDA wheelhouse but any update on WOTUS may be of interest given the recent announcement of the intention of a December rewrite by EPA
- Any additional outlook for policy direction that will affect fruit and vegetable production, distribution or marketing
- Access to labor is not elsewhere on the agenda but is a topic of general interest in the produce value chain

Again, (b) (6) so sadly I cannot be present. Andrew Burchett, who is our Vegetable Industry Affairs lead, is who I replaced here in the DC office six years ago, so he would be well-versed enough to give you an introduction to the group. I can envision being asked for a biography, so if you have one, I can send it along. And please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime. Thank you for agreeing to speak with this group.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:15 PM

To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] <(b) (6)@monsanto.com>

Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Great news, Scott, we just finalize schedule and I get to come back early so should be able to be at your event!

Resend me details and what you want to cover.



Rebeckah

Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@monsanto.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@monsanto.com)]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Hi Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and are staying cool. I wanted to check before the week is out to see if there's anyone at USDA in the way of a replacement who is available on Aug. 8 if you are on travel with the Secretary.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 5:08 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] <[\[REDACTED\]@monsanto.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@monsanto.com)>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Scott –

It looks like I will be on travel now with the Secretary most of the week. However, give me a few days to see whether my 2nd chair here could fill in for me – he is doing tons of the work on reg reform with me. Give me a few more days to work out and pin down.

Reb

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@monsanto.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@monsanto.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and that you had a nice 4th of July. I am leaving for the rest of the week on work travel, but I wanted to check in with you following up on this request from May. As a reminder, Monsanto's Vegetable Advisory Council will be holding one of its two annual meetings here in Washington on Tuesday, August 8. I am assisting the folks in the business with putting the agenda together, and regulatory reform is a topic of great interest. If you have time on the morning of 8/8, we would love to have you come speak to the group and take questions. Once again, it is an informal, off-the-record gathering of our business leadership and major players in the vegetable value chain. The morning schedule is still mostly open but as I understand it, 10am-11am is a window being held open for you. I think earlier would work just fine, if it is more convenient.

If you can't make it but know of someone in the Secretary's office who is able to speak, please let me know. [REDACTED] but am available to assist prior to that week with logistics, more info, anything you need. Thanks again for your consideration.

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 [REDACTED]@monsanto.com

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:36 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [REDACTED]@monsanto.com>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Interesting shared observation, Scott. All I can think is that is must be a slow news day. Me restating what is largely already in executive orders or that the Secretary has alluded to in public doesn't seem that newsworthy, but maybe it bears repeating?

I am not sure at this time what August will hold for OSEC. However, I thank you for the invitation and will absolutely add as a placeholder on my calendar. As the date draws closer, let's circle back to confirm whether I can participate and or if additional people or a surrogate is needed. I'm reasonably confident that USDA will be able to honor the invitation.

Kindly,

Rebeckah

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@monsanto.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@monsanto.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well. I missed your talk at Farm Foundation this morning, but Politico was certainly hanging on your every word based on the news clips I have read today. I hope you thought the appearance was a good one.

This is far, far off into the future, but I wanted to get this invitation on your radar sooner rather than later. Monsanto has for some time had a Vegetable Advisory Council: a group of industry leaders who advise and provide counsel to our vegetable business leadership team. We usually balance our meetings between outside speakers/tours/visits that benefit the industry as a whole and with meetings or events on more Monsanto veg-business focused topics in order to get their feedback. The Council meets twice a year, typically once in St. Louis and once in another location. This August the meeting will be here in Washington.

We would like to invite you to meet with the Council on August 8 at the W Hotel in downtown Washington. This group would be interested to hear in the new Administration's thoughts on regulatory reform in general, and what may be in store for USDA, in particular. I expect the group would have thoughts on buyer stipulations around production methods and current regs for food safety, pesticides, organic standards, and so on. I can do whatever is helpful or necessary to get perspectives or possible questions ahead of time, but in general the meetings with this group are largely informal and free-flowing. I expect the group would hope for an hour of time, but I can check.

I've attached the biographies of the members of the Council. You will undoubtedly recognize or know some of the organizations and individual members.

If this time frame works for you, please let me know. I recognize it is in the heart of summer vacation season. If it does not but you can think of a colleague who may be able to speak to this group, please let me know that, as well, and we can discuss further. I look forward to hearing from you.

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From: (b) (6) @fb.org
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Monday update
Date: Friday, July 07, 2017 5:06:59 PM

Sure. Whatever you can accomplish is great Rebeckah. Tim could you please send me a bio? If you need anything my cell is (b) (6).

Mary Kay

> On Jul 7, 2017, at 9:59 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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> Mary Kay -

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> I will likely be in the car on Monday (small chance that I can make it if all perfectly). So, can we plan for me to call in and Tim to be there in person? Then, if it looks like I can make it to you in time, I will just meet Tim there and we can tag team in person.

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> Tim is cc'd here.

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> Reb

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) @fb.org]

> Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 5:54 AM

> To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>

> Subject: Re: Monday update

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> I understand and sorry to hear about your friend. I will leave it up to you as to whether you send Tim or do a combo. You know our group as well as I.

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> Mary Kay

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>> On Jul 6, 2017, at 2:38 AM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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>> MKT- checking in with you about my meeting the policy conf re Reg reform. (b) (6)

(b) (6) Good news is, I have a plan B to keep you covered in the event I can't get back in time - I can call to meeting from the road OR I can send my #2 on Reg reform and rural prosperity task force, Tim Page, OR a combo of me on phone and him in the room.

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>> Just wanted you to be aware as soon as I knew there may be a snag with me being in the room. We still very much want the chance to talk about our efforts with FB!

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>> Will keep you posted once plans are firm.

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>> (b) (6)

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>> Rebeckah Adcock

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To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: question
Date: Monday, April 23, 2018 3:29:26 PM

What is Bill Northey's contact info?

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From: James McVaney
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: CLI meeting
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:42:58 AM

Thanks. The meeting was Tues and Wednesday of this week in DC. Was the sec around?

Jim McVaney
 Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:17 AM
To: James McVaney
Subject: RE: CLI meeting

I'm not certain as that request did not go thru me. It may be accurate though as the Secretary has and will be on the road a lot for lately and thru the summer – making up for lost time.

Would have to defer to scheduler, my COS and CLA/CLI on this one.

Reb

From: James McVaney [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)@bayer.com](mailto:(b) (6)@bayer.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: CLI meeting

Did the meeting for the Sec with the CLI board get cancelled?

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From: Andrew Walmsley
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Hudson, Bethany - OSEC, Washington DC](#)
Subject: RE: Taskforce and Innovation
Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 2:38:03 PM

Thank you Rebeckah!

Brian and Bethany-

I'm happy to discuss further at y'all's convenience.

Thank you again,

Andrew

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Andrew Walmsley; Klippenstein, Brian - OSEC, Washington, DC; Hudson, Bethany - OSEC, Washington DC
Subject: RE: Taskforce and Innovation

Andrew – Brian Klippenstein is managing and refining the work of that interagency workgroup – “innovation, technology and data” - within the Task Force effort, and Bethany Hudson is supporting him in that effort.

They would best be able to guide you and receive your thoughts on that part of the work of the Task Force. I have cc'd them here to connect with you.

Kindly,
 Reb

From: Andrew Walmsley (b) (6) [@fb.org](mailto:andrew@fb.org)
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 1:58 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Taskforce and Innovation

Rebeckah,

I hope you are well. I was wondering if you might have some time for a brief chat with a few of us that work on innovation in ag about the interagency taskforce, future engagement and possibly a forum to provide an update on some of the department's work.

Let me know if you would like to chat so I can give you a better idea of what we are thinking or if you have some time in the near future for us to come visit.

Thank you,

Andrew

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From: [Sarah Brown Dirkes](#)
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Presidents Commodity Group Meeting (2:30 local time)

Presidents' Commodity Meeting Agenda:

Sunday, January 7th, 2018

Meeting Room: Canal A

1. 2:30 – 2:45 Greeting from Senator Moran & questions
2. 2:45 – 3:00 Introductions
3. 3:00 – 4:00 Farm Bill discussion

From: Sarah Brown Dirkes
To: [Anthony Jennifer](#); [Rebeckah Freeman Adcock \(Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov\)](#); [Joshua Tonsager](#); [Neil Dierks](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @nppc.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @beef.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @cotton.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @nfudc.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @nmpf.org](#); [John Gordley](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @att.net](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @betterseed.org](#); [Jay Vroom](#); [Mary Jo Tomalewski](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @tfl.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @nasda.org](#); [Steven Reviczky](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @ct.gov](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @ncfc.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @animalagalliance.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @americansugarbeet.org](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @americansugarbeet.org](#); [Richard Gersternberger](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @ncga.com](#); [\(b\) \(6\) @ngfa.org](#); [Patricia Rogers](#)
Cc: [Melissa Sanders Carroll](#); [Lynne Finnerty](#); [Emily Jordan](#); [Mary Kay Thatcher](#); [Dale Moore](#); [Julie Anna Potts](#); [John Newton](#)
Subject: Sunday's President's Commodities Meeting
Date: Friday, January 05, 2018 2:34:06 PM
Attachments: [Commodity Meeting Confirmed Attendees as of 12.29.17.xlsx](#)

We are looking forward to having you join President Duvall at the commodity leaders meeting on Sunday. Attached is a list of attendees. Below is a detailed agenda of the meeting:

Sunday, January 7th, 2018

Meeting Room: Canal A

- I. **2:30 – 2:45** Greeting from Senator Moran & questions
- II. **2:45 - 3:00** Introductions around the room
- III. **3:00 – 4:00** Farm Bill discussion
 - a. President Duvall will ask each leader at the head table to share priorities for the Farm Bill
 - b. Discuss common goals and how where we can work together

If you have any questions when you arrive please call or text my cell. I will be in meetings for most of the morning but I will have my phone on me. All of you have been registered, please go to the registration desks to pick up your registration for AFBF's Annual Convention.

Sincerely,

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Confirmed Attendees as of 12/20/17		RSVP	State RSVPs
American Farm Bureau Federation	Scott VanderWal, JAP, PZD	3	AZ
American Farm Bureau Federation	Dale Moore & Public Policy Directors	10	KY
State Farm Bureau Presidents	<i>All State FB Presidents Invited</i>	14	ME
United Soybean Board	Keith Tapp, USB Vice Chair	1	MN
National Association of Wheat Growers	Josh Tonsager	1	MO
National Pork Producers Council	Neil Dierks, CEO	1	MS
USA Rice Federation	Ben Mosely, VP of Government Affairs	1	NC
National Cattlemen's Beef Association	Kendal Frazier, CEO, and Kevin Kester, President-Elect	1	NV
National Corn Growers Association	Chris Novak, CEO	1	OK
National Cotton Council	Gary Adams, President and CEO	1	PA
National Farmers Union	Roger Johnson, President	1	RI
National Milk Producers Federation	Jaime Castaneda	1	SC
American Soybean Association	John Gordley, Gordley Associates	1	TN
Southern Peanut Farmers Federation	Bob Redding, Redding and Associates	1	VT
American Seed Trade Association	Jane DeMarchi, VP Governmental Affairs	1	IN
CropLife America	Jay Vroom, President and CEO	1	
The Fertilizer Institute	Chris Jahn, President	2	
National Assn of State Depts of Ag	Barb Glenn, CEO (ex-officio) and Steve Reviczky, President	1	
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives	Chuck Conner, President and CEO	1	
Animal Ag Alliance	Kay Johnson Smith; President and CEO	1	
American Sugarbeet Growers	Richard "Rick" Gerstenberger, President	1	
National Grain and Feed Association	Bobby Frederick	1	
USDA	Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor to the Secretary	2	
Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association	President Thomas Burrell, Bishop David Allen Hall, Sr., & Patricia A. Rogers, Public Relations		

From: Sarah Brown Dirkes
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Emily Jordan](#)
Cc: [Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: President's Commodity Group Meeting
Date: Friday, December 29, 2017 2:47:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Rebeckah-

I am happy you will be able to join us on Sunday! The meeting will be from 2:30 – 4:00, details are below. You do not need any proper credentials as long as you are registered for the AFBF Annual Convention, which I believe all USDA staff already has been.

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- I. **2:30 – 2:45** Greeting from Senator Moran & questions
- II. **2:45 - 3:00** Introductions
- III. **3:00 – 4:00** Farm Bill discussion

I look forward to meeting you, please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Sarah

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Emily Jordan; Sarah Brown Dirkes
Cc: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: President's Commodity Group Meeting

Thank you, ladies.

I will be onsite all-day Sunday – please just let me know where and when to check in for proper credentials, and whether there are any changes to the program or location for this event.

Kindly,

Rebeckah Freeman Adcock
 Senior Advisor to the Secretary



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United States Department of Agriculture

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Thanks Lauren!

Rebeckah, we would be happy to have you on behalf of the Department. I'm looping in Sarah Dirkes to confirm and make sure you have all the details you need.

Best,

Emily Jordan | Executive Assistant

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From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:25:47 PM

To: Emily Jordan

Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC

Subject: RE: President's Commodity Group Meeting

Great, thank you! I have CC'd Rebeckah here for any additional details or coordination that may be needed. Thank you!

Best,

Lauren

From: Emily Jordan [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@fb.org](mailto:(b) (6)@fb.org)]

Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:24 PM

To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: Re: President's Commodity Group Meeting

Hi Lauren-

Same to you! Thanks for letting me know, that is definitely appropriate. I will pass along to our facilitators as well.

Best,
Emily

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From: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:23:01 PM
To: Emily Jordan
Subject: RE: President's Commodity Group Meeting

Hi Emily,

Hope you had a great Holiday! I don't know that the Secretary will arrive in time to attend this, but Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, is available to attend, if appropriate. Please let me know and I will connect you with her.

Thank you!
Lauren

From: Emily Jordan [mailto:(b) (6)@fb.org]
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Sullivan, Lauren - OSEC, Washington, DC <Lauren.Sullivan@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: President's Commodity Group Meeting

Hey Lauren-

Thanks so much for the check-in this morning. Below is the tentative agenda and attached are the confirmed attendees for the President's Commodity Group Meeting on **Sunday, January 7th at 2:30pm.**

I understand that the Secretary will have a bit of driving to do that day so please just share that Pres. Duvall wanted him to know he is welcome and invited to join if his schedule allows.

Sunday, January 7th 2017 -2:30 – 4:00pm

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
 2800 Opryland Dr., Nashville, TN 37214
 Room: Canal A

- I. 2:30 – 2:45 Greeting from Senator Moran & questions
- II. 2:45 - 3:00 Introductions
- III. 3:00 – 4:00 Farm Bill discussion

Happy Holidays!

Emily Jordan | Executive Assistant
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From: Sarah Brown Dirkes
Cc: [Melissa Sanders Carroll](#)
Bcc: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Updated POTUS address time
Date: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 1:47:16 PM

We learned this morning that President Trump plans to speak at our convention at 3:00 p.m. on Monday. We are still figuring out how this will affect the rest of the schedule. There is a possibility that people will need to remain in the secured area following the General Session and we will move additional programming into that room. At this time seating will be first come first serve, I will let you know when details are confirmed.

Please share this information with others attending from your company. I will keep you updated as we learn more.

Thank you, I look forward to seeing you in Nashville!
-Sarah

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Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:33:29 PM
Attachments: [Article-WSJ-China Sows Up \\$43B Deal 5.5.17.pdf](#)
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Article in a PDF, if it's helpful.

Thanks again,
Laura

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## BUSINESS

# China Sews Up Record \$43 Billion Foreign Takeover Deal but Work Remains

State-owned ChemChina faces challenges to integrate Swiss agribusiness giant Syngenta in China's largest overseas acquisition to date



Syngenta shareholders have approved a takeover offer from state-owned ChemChina. PHOTO: MICHAEL BUHOLZER/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

*By Brian Spegele in Beijing and Kane Wu in Hong Kong*

Updated May 5, 2017 9:21 a.m. ET

China Inc. reached a new milestone in global acquisitions as shareholders of agro-giant Syngenta AG [SYT -0.04%](#) approved a \$43 billion takeover by China National Chemical Corp., sealing the country's biggest foreign deal to date.

The hard work may just be beginning, however, as China National Chemical, known as ChemChina, faces a series of challenges ranging from financing the deal to fusing the Swiss company into its own operations.

“Life begins after closing,” said Grace Fan-Delatour, a partner at law firm K&L Gates LLP, who advises state-owned Chinese companies on outbound investment and how to avoid the pitfalls that often bedevil big takeovers.

ChemChina executives will have to manage a balancing act as they look to expand Syngenta’s seed and pesticide businesses in China’s fragmented and inefficient agriculture sector while ensuring stability at the Swiss company’s operations in the U.S. and around the world.

At the same time, state-owned ChemChina must attract new equity investment to help cover Syngenta’s hefty price tag amid concerns over its debt levels.

Finally, more upheaval may be on the way: China’s government is contemplating a merger of ChemChina with state-owned conglomerate Sinochem Group, according to two people familiar with the situation.

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#### AT A GLANCE

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- **The Deal:** ChemChina said shareholders of seed-and-agrochemical producer Syngenta approved its \$43 billion acquisition offer. The deal would be China’s biggest foreign takeover to date, and would give it control of advanced technologies to modernize its farms.
- **The Challenges:** Among the biggest include integrating Syngenta’s global operations into the Chinese company, and analysts believe ChemChina will take a hands-off approach to managing Syngenta in the short-run. ChemChina still needs to secure fresh equity investment to help pay for the deal.
- **What Comes Next:** ChemChina is expected to take control of Syngenta May 18 after the first settlement payment, and the company says it is working to delist Syngenta’s shares in Switzerland and New York.

Both companies have previously denied reports of a planned tie-up. They didn’t respond to requests for comment Friday, nor did China’s State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, which is in charge of state-run companies.

In a joint statement, ChemChina and Syngenta on Friday said 80.7% of the Swiss company’s shares were tendered for the deal, based on a preliminary count, well above the 67% minimum needed for approval. The companies said the first settlement payment was scheduled for May 18, when ChemChina would take control.

Syngenta closed at 459.2 Swiss francs (\$465) a share Thursday, about 20% above the price before the deal was announced in February 2016. ChemChina will also pay a special dividend of five Swiss francs a share immediately before the deal's closing.

As the deal's completion nears, China has signaled it remains willing to spend top dollar for prized overseas assets despite its concerns over capital outflows that are tamping down its overall global deals activity.

The transaction also portends a profound shift in the agriculture sector globally, with China set to play a greater role in U.S. and other countries' food supplies as it scoops up technologies for its own farms. It also comes against the backdrop of broad industry consolidation, which has triggered objections from farmers over less choice and potentially higher prices.

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At its heart, however, the deal will help China modernize antiquated farming techniques that

have made it increasingly reliant on imports to feed its population of 1.4 billion. Granting farmers access to more-advanced foreign technology—including genetically modified seeds developed by Syngenta and its competitors—is likely to be part of overhauls that aim to industrialize farming in China.

With few exceptions, genetically modified seeds aren't allowed in China. Industry observers say this deal is likely to help change that over the coming years.

For Ren Jianxin, ChemChina's chairman and founder, the acquisition solidifies his place as one of China's top deal makers, coming after a series of transactions including the takeover of Italian tire producer Pirelli & C. SpA.

However, ChemChina might face further hurdles after its latest deal closes. Syngenta's net profit has fallen more than 25% over the past two years. The company has struggled with poor weather, exchange-rate volatility and deflationary forces that weakened crop prices—and reduced demand for its products.

"Syngenta was always, dare I say, viewed as the ugly stepchild of the industry," said Tyler Tebbs, an analyst who has followed the deal at brokerage firm Olivetree Financial Ltd.

While Mr. Ren has long been regarded as an aggressive mergers-and-acquisitions tactician, he is seen as less adept at staging a corporate turnaround. Success then may depend in part on selecting key ChemChina managers to lead the integration, industry analysts said.

Syngenta, for its part, has suggested ChemChina might take a hands-off approach to its operations, and has played up the expected long-term financial stability the takeover would bring to the company.

“Syngenta will stay Syngenta,” Chief Executive Erik Fyrwald said in an interview after the release of the company’s results on April 24, when it reported sales last quarter fell 1% from one year earlier, to \$3.7 billion.

One main benefit, he said, was having a long-term oriented owner at a time when research-and-development cycles for crop-related investments can last up to 10 years, which shareholders with a shorter-term focus “often don’t have the patience for.”

The political and strategic considerations help to explain why this transaction has been greenlighted by China’s government while other recent deals have sputtered amid tightened capital controls.



ChemChina and Syngenta said the first settlement payment under the takeover deal was scheduled for May 18, when ChemChina would take control. PHOTO: ANDY WONG/ASSOCIATED PRESS

“The reality is this: When China wants to do a deal, it will get the deal done,” said Hilary Lau, a partner who advises on Chinese deals for Herbert Smith Freehills LLP. Policy-driven deals “remain to be done regardless of the price tag.”

The acquisition has been approved by regulators in the U.S., European Union, China and Mexico, among others. In India, a government spokesman Friday declined to comment on the status of approval there.

To win approval from the EU, ChemChina agreed to divest itself of a large part of its European business for pesticides and other products that regulate crop growth.

To pay for the deal, ChemChina obtained \$50 billion in short-term loan facilities last year, according to U.S. securities filings by Syngenta. China Citic Bank International agreed to put up \$30 billion, while HSBC, together with three other European lenders, agreed to provide \$20 billion, according to the filings.

The M&A streak by ChemChina has led to warnings from credit-rating firms. Moody's Investors Service said in November it expected the acquisition of Syngenta to result in a pro forma ratio of debt to earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization—an important indicator of a company's debt risk—of about 11.4 times, up from 8.6 times at the end of 2015. An investment-grade company's ratio is typically under three times, according to credit analysts.

Seeking to limit its exposure, ChemChina began reaching out last year to state funds, including China Reform Holdings, and the country's \$40 billion Silk Road Fund, for equity investment, people familiar with the matter said previously. It also sought out private-equity firms and sovereign funds, these people said.

So far, the company has garnered a \$5 billion equity investment from an arm of Citic Ltd., an affiliate to its financial adviser China Citic Bank.

*—Brian Blackstone in Zurich and Vibhuti Agarwal in New Delhi contributed to this article*

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**Date:** Monday, May 15, 2017 4:39:45 PM  
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Dear Rebeckah,

Attached, please find a thank you note from Erik to Secretary Perdue. We greatly appreciated your time today. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kindly,  
Laura

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May 15, 2017

Secretary Sonny Perdue
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you today. I value your perspective and insight on agriculture in United States, as well as your tireless efforts to address some of the current challenges we all face in this industry.

We look forward to working closely with you to forge an even stronger and more prosperous American agriculture economy.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time to follow up on the messaging we discussed, tools for farmers, or any other issues important to American agriculture. We offer ourselves as a resource and partner to USDA.

Again, my sincere congratulations on your confirmation, and thank you for your time today.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'E' followed by a large, sweeping loop.

Erik Frywald

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov)
Subject: RE: Meeting Request
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 1:03:13 PM
Importance: High

I have a work around. I may meet you in person and we can do a conference call with the Illinois FB people.

Don R Parrish
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: RE: Meeting Request

Yes, Friday the 6th works – early afternoon is best if possible. Come to 200 A for checkin.

Will bring the right people with me.

Reb

From: Don Parrish (b) (6) @afb.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting Request

I would like to bring a group of Illinois Farmers by on October 6th. Will that work for your schedule?

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From: Don Parrish
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Subject: RE:
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 3:48:24 PM

Yep.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 3:41 PM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: Re:

Tonight

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Sep 19, 2017, at 3:07 PM, Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#) wrote:

We should visit when you get a minute. Thanks

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From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920]
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8
Date: Saturday, July 08, 2017 10:08:07 AM

Thanks, Rebeckah. I appreciate you looking into a suitable speaker while you are on travel. I'm around for most of the next two weeks so I should be reachable. Enjoy the weekend.

Scott

On Jul 7, 2017, at 5:08 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

Scott –

It looks like I will be on travel now with the Secretary most of the week. However, give me a few days to see whether my 2nd chair here could fill in for me – he is doing tons of the work on reg reform with me. Give me a few more days to work out and pin down.

Reb

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@monsanto.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@monsanto.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and that you had a nice 4th of July. I am leaving for the rest of the week on work travel, but I wanted to check in with you following up on this request from May. As a reminder, Monsanto's Vegetable Advisory Council will be holding one of its two annual meetings here in Washington on Tuesday, August 8. I am assisting the folks in the business with putting the agenda together, and regulatory reform is a topic of great interest. If you have time on the morning of 8/8, we would love to have you come speak to the group and take questions. Once again, it is an informal, off-the-record gathering of our business leadership and major players in the vegetable value chain. The morning schedule is still mostly open but as I understand it, 10am-11am is a window being held open for you. I think earlier would work just fine, if it is more convenient.

If you can't make it but know of someone in the Secretary's office who is able to speak,

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please let me know. (b) (6) but am available to assist prior to that week with logistics, more info, anything you need. Thanks again for your consideration.

Scott Kuschmider
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Interesting shared observation, Scott. All I can think is that is must be a slow news day. Me restating what is largely already in executive orders or that the Secretary has alluded to in public doesn't seem that newsworthy, but maybe it bears repeating?

I am not sure at this time what August will hold for OSEC. However, I thank you for the invitation and will absolutely add as a placeholder on my calendar. As the date draws closer, let's circle back to confirm whether I can participate and or if additional people or a surrogate is needed. I'm reasonably confident that USDA will be able to honor the invitation.

Kindly,

Rebeckah

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\) @monsanto.com](mailto:(b) (6) @monsanto.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well. I missed your talk at Farm Foundation this morning, but Politico was certainly hanging on your every word based on the news clips I have read

today. I hope you thought the appearance was a good one.

This is far, far off into the future, but I wanted to get this invitation on your radar sooner rather than later. Monsanto has for some time had a Vegetable Advisory Council: a group of industry leaders who advise and provide counsel to our vegetable business leadership team. We usually balance our meetings between outside speakers/tours/visits that benefit the industry as a whole and with meetings or events on more Monsanto veg-business focused topics in order to get their feedback. The Council meets twice a year, typically once in St. Louis and once in another location. This August the meeting will be here in Washington.

We would like to invite you to meet with the Council on August 8 at the W Hotel in downtown Washington. This group would be interested to hear in the new Administration's thoughts on regulatory reform in general, and what may be in store for USDA, in particular. I expect the group would have thoughts on buyer stipulations around production methods and current regs for food safety, pesticides, organic standards, and so on. I can do whatever is helpful or necessary to get perspectives or possible questions ahead of time, but in general the meetings with this group are largely informal and free-flowing. I expect the group would hope for an hour of time, but I can check.

I've attached the biographies of the members of the Council. You will undoubtedly recognize or know some of the organizations and individual members.

If this time frame works for you, please let me know. I recognize it is in the heart of summer vacation season. If it does not but you can think of a colleague who may be able to speak to this group, please let me know that, as well, and we can discuss further. I look forward to hearing from you.

Scott Kuschmider

Director, Government Affairs

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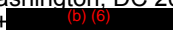
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Cc: [Kirkland, William H. EOP/WHO; Ferguson, Michael A.; Jones, Christian B.; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC; Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC; Murphy, Jr, James E.](#)
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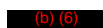
Rebeckah--

Thank you for offering to make some time available tomorrow afternoon, especially on such short notice. I will relay your availability to Alibaba and we will be back in touch shortly.

Jim Murphy

Jim Murphy, Jr.
Senior Advisor


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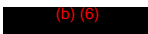
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Murphy, Jr, James E.
Cc: Kirkland, William H. EOP/WHO; Ferguson, Michael A.; Jones, Christian B.; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC; Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
Subject: RE: USDA Contact

Hello, Jim. I am available most of the afternoon tomorrow if that works for your group's schedule?



Rebeckah Freeman Adcock
Senior Advisor to the Secretary
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United States Department of Agriculture
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-----Original Message-----

From: Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC
 Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:32 AM
 To: Murphy, Jr, James E. <(b) (6)@bakerlaw.com>; Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov>
 Cc: Kirkland, William H. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Ferguson, Michael A. <(b) (6)@bakerlaw.com>; Jones, Christian B. <(b) (6)@bakerlaw.com>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
 Subject: RE: USDA Contact

Jim,

Unfortunately our Chief of Staff, Heidi Green, will not be in Washington D.C. tomorrow. The best resource for your group to meet with in the Secretary's office is Rebeckah Adcock, our Senior Policy Advisor. She is copied here and can coordinate with you on finding a good time tomorrow. She mentioned that the afternoon would be best.

Campbell

-----Original Message-----

From: Murphy, Jr, James E. [mailto:(b) (6)@bakerlaw.com]
 Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:42 AM
 To: Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov>
 Cc: Kirkland, William H. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <Campbell.Shuford@osec.usda.gov>; Ferguson, Michael A. <(b) (6)@bakerlaw.com>; Jones, Christian B. <(b) (6)@bakerlaw.com>
 Subject: Re: USDA Contact

Campbell--

I just boarded flight and will be in the air for a bit. I should have wifi but I am including two of my colleagues at BakerHostetler, Mike Ferguson and Chris Jones, onto this email chain in case I'm out of touch and you are able to set something up for our friends at Alibaba. Thank you.

Jim Murphy

> On May 11, 2017, at 9:27 AM, Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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> I will not. I've copied my colleague Campbell to see if someone might be.

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On May 11, 2017, at 09:24, Murphy, Jr, James E. (b) (6) @bakerlaw.com> wrote:

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>> Chris--

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>> Would you and/or your colleague the COS be in town tomorrow and have time to meet with Alibaba execs?

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>> Jim

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>>> On May 11, 2017, at 12:07 AM, Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC
<Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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>>> Dear Jim,

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>>> I apologize for my delay in responding. I am traveling at the moment.

>>>

>>> Unfortunately, the Secretary will not be in Washington, DC, on Friday. (b) (6)

(b) (6) So we won't be able to make this meeting happen.

>>>

>>> But I do hope to meet you soon, too.

>>>

>>> Chris

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Murphy, Jr, James E. [mailto:(b) (6) @bakerlaw.com]

>>> Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 8:06 PM

>>> To: Kirkland, William H. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

>>> Cc: Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC <Chris.Young@osec.usda.gov>

>>> Subject: Re: USDA Contact

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>>> Chris--

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>>> The President of Alibaba is making a last-minute visit to DC this Friday the 12th, and while recognizing this is a very last-minute request, I am reaching out to see if there is anyway that the Secretary might have some time to visit with him and a few other top executives while they are in town. As you may be aware, Jack Ma, Alibaba's Chairman, met with President Trump during the transition, and this meeting would be an extension of the effort that began then. Below provides who would attend, as well as background on their agenda for the meeting. I would appreciate you letting me know whether there's anyway to make this happen at this late date. I hope to have a chance to meet you in person sometime soon. Thank you.

>>>

>>> Jim Murphy

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>>> Who:

>>>

>>> Michael Evans, President Alibaba Group Eric Pelletier, Vice

>>> President, International Government Relations, Alibaba Group Bill

>>> Anaya, Head of US Government Relations

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>>> Topic:

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>>> Discuss Alibaba's commitment to President Trump to help create 1 million jobs in the USA, by helping farmers and small businesses to sell to the nearly 500 million active customers on Alibaba's marketplaces in China and Asia.

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>>> Alibaba has met with the Foreign Agricultural Service and they have been a great partner to make connections with regional agriculture export promotion organizations and other stakeholders. We appreciate Mark Slupek and his team.

>>>

>>> We are hosting an event in Detroit on June 20-21 with Jack Ma and over 1000 businesses and farmers attending to make matches for buyers and to learn about their export opportunities in China. Governor Snyder and his Agriculture Department have provided important support and promotion of this opportunity with Alibaba. This is part of our commitment to the President and assisting US small businesses and farmers to grow their sales and jobs. We'd like to personally brief the Secretary and invite him to address the event.

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>>> Jim Murphy, Jr.

>>> Senior Advisor

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>>> From: Kirkland, William H. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>

>>> Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 3:53 PM

>>> To: Murphy, Jr, James E.

>>> Cc: Young, Chris - OSEC, Washington, DC

>>> Subject: USDA Contact

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>>> Chris,

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>>> I wanted to introduce you to Jim Murphy. Jim has a few folks he is working with in the AG world many who have met with POTUS. Just wanted to connect y'all as he has a few folks in the AG world that would be very interested in potentially meeting with the Secretary.

>>>

>>> Thanks,

>>>

>>> Billy Kirkland

>>> Special Assistant to the President & Deputy Director White House

>>> Intergovernmental Affairs (b) (6)

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From: Peterson Laura USWS
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Thank You
Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 9:34:21 AM

Dear Heidi and Rebeckah,

Thank you very much for facilitating our meeting with Secretary Perdue yesterday. Erik was honored to spend time with the Secretary, and we are grateful for all of your tireless efforts on behalf of American agriculture. We are in wonderful hands with your leadership and knowledge. Thanks again, and have a great week. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kindly,
Laura

Laura Peterson

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From: Paul Schlegel
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: EO 13777
Date: Thursday, June 01, 2017 2:56:28 PM

Rebeckah –

Sorry to trouble you. hope job is going well.

Are you the designated ‘regulatory reform officer’ for USDA under EO 13777? Have heard indirectly that you are but am checking to find out who is doing that at USDA and if you will be instituting any formal process for receiving recommendations on regulations. The ag folks got together and submitted something to EPA a couple of weeks ago.

Also don’t know if you’d also be handling the Task Force set up but if you have info on that you could share, I’d be grateful. Thanks

Hope all’s well

Paul

Paul Schlegel
Director, Energy and Environment Team
Direct: (202) 406-3687
Cell: (b) (6)
Email: (b) (6) @fb.org

From: (b) (6) @fb.org
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: tim.page@nrsc.usda.gov
Subject: Re: Final agenda for Monday's conference
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 7:04:14 AM

Drive safely!!!

On Jul 10, 2017, at 6:09 AM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

(b) (6) I should see you at 5pm
 straight from the road.
 Tim, plan to be there regardless.

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Starling, Ray A. EOP/WHO"
 <(b) (6)>
Date: July 8, 2017 at 5:54:14 PM EDT
To: Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) @fb.org>
Cc: Heidi Green <heidi.green@osec.usda.gov>, "Adcock, Rebeckah
 - OSEC, Washington, DC" <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Final agenda for Monday's conference

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Ray A. Starling
 Special Assistant to the President
 National Economic Council

On Jul 8, 2017, at 3:00 PM, Mary Kay Thatcher (b) (6) @fb.org> wrote:

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If you need anything before then, my cell is (b) (6)

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Mary Kay

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To: [Starling, Ray A. EOP/WHO](#)
Cc: (b) (6) [@fb.org](#); [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: Final agenda for Monday's conference
Date: Saturday, July 08, 2017 8:57:38 PM

Ray coming strong with the Sat evening humor ;)

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

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Mary Kay

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 3:56:48 PM

Who was the political at nracs?

Don R Parrish
American Farm Bureau Federation®
 202-406-3667
 (b) (6) [@fb.org](#)

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 3:41 PM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: Re:

Tonight

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Sep 19, 2017, at 3:07 PM, Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#) wrote:

We should visit when you get a minute. Thanks

Don R Parrish
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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Trollinger, Shelia - OSEC](#)
Cc: [Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: NRCS meeting with ILFB next Thurs, Oct 5
Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 1:27:16 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Shelia

Thanks so much for your help on this meeting. We are meeting with the Corp at 10:00 next Thursday. So any time after 11:00 on Thursday would work for us.

Don R Parrish
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Trollinger, Shelia - OSEC
Cc: Don Parrish; Bachmann, Peter - OCR, Washington, DC
Subject: NRCS meeting with ILFB next Thurs, Oct 5

Shelia –

Please assist Peter in organizing a meeting between the right folks at NRCS and the IL Farm Bureau (work with Don, cc'd).

I will be out of town on Thurs but the meeting should proceed without me.

Thanks, Reb



Rebeckah Freeman Adcock
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From: Peterson Laura USWS
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: BIO Press Statement on U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue
Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 11:04:14 AM
Attachments: [image006.png](#)

FYI – thanks Team USDA!

<https://www.bio.org/press-release/bio-statement-us-china-comprehensive-economic-dialogue>

Kindly,

Laura



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Contact: [Karen Batra](#)
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BIO Statement on U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue

Washington, D.C. (May 12, 2017) – The Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) issued the following statement regarding initial results of the 100-Day Action Plan of the U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue:

"The Biotechnology Innovation Organization welcomes news of the U.S.-China agreement on initial results of the 100-day Action Plan of the U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue," said Joseph Damond Executive Vice President for International Affairs. "The agreement marks an important first step in the 100-day plan and towards broader engagement through the newly formed U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue."

"Considering the history of this issue, the ultimate test of success will be for China to follow its process and quickly approve the eight pending biotechnology applications and establish a synchronized, timely and predictable process going forward," added Damond. "BIO will continue to engage through this process to monitor the implementation of the agreement."

About BIO

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From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920]
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:29:14 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Rebeckah,

Thanks so much for the quick reply. That's great to hear! I just put in a message to my contact organizing the meeting to get an exact timeslot and details if they differ from what is below. I'll be in touch as soon as I hear back.

Scott

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:15 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] <(b) (6)@monsanto.com>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Great news, Scott, we just finalize schedule and I get to come back early so should be able to be at your event!

Resend me details and what you want to cover.



Rebeckah

Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [mailto:(b) (6)@monsanto.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Hi Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and are staying cool. I wanted to check before the week is out to see if there's anyone at USDA in the way of a replacement who is available on Aug. 8 if you are on travel with the Secretary.

Scott Kuschmider
 Director, Government Affairs
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 5:08 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] <(b) (6)@monsanto.com>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Scott –

It looks like I will be on travel now with the Secretary most of the week. However, give me a few days to see whether my 2nd chair here could fill in for me – he is doing tons of the work on reg reform with me. Give me a few more days to work out and pin down.

Reb

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@monsanto.com](mailto:(b) (6)@monsanto.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and that you had a nice 4th of July. I am leaving for the rest of the week on work travel, but I wanted to check in with you following up on this request from May. As a reminder, Monsanto's Vegetable Advisory Council will be holding one of its two annual meetings here in Washington on Tuesday, August 8. I am assisting the folks in the business with putting the agenda together, and regulatory reform is a topic of great interest. If you have time on the morning of 8/8, we would love to have you come speak to the group and take questions. Once again, it is an informal, off-the-record gathering of our business leadership and major players in the vegetable value chain. The morning schedule is still mostly open but as I understand it, 10am-11am is a window being held open for you. I think earlier would work just fine, if it is more convenient.

If you can't make it but know of someone in the Secretary's office who is able to speak, please let me

know. (b) (6) but am available to assist prior to that week with logistics, more info, anything you need. Thanks again for your consideration.

Scott Kuschmider
 Director, Government Affairs
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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:36 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] <(b) (6)@monsanto.com>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Interesting shared observation, Scott. All I can think is that it must be a slow news day. Me restating what is largely already in executive orders or that the Secretary has alluded to in public doesn't seem that newsworthy, but maybe it bears repeating?

I am not sure at this time what August will hold for OSEC. However, I thank you for the invitation and will absolutely add as a placeholder on my calendar. As the date draws closer, let's circle back to confirm whether I can participate and or if additional people or a surrogate is needed. I'm reasonably confident that USDA will be able to honor the invitation.

Kindly,

Rebeckah

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@monsanto.com](mailto:(b) (6)@monsanto.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: Time to visit?
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:42:31 PM

Tomorrow morning? Anytime will work for a quick call on my end.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:16 PM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: RE: Time to visit?

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From: Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#)
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 1:09 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: Time to visit?

I want to visit Farm Bill. Thanks.

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From: James McVaney
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Taylor?
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:47:29 PM

Hey Rebeckah, what is Taylor's last name who works for the Secretary?

Best,

Jim

Jim McVaney
Senior Director, Federal Affairs & Policy

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From: SHARP, KATHRYN A [AG/1000]
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: FW: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 12:58:31 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hello Rebeckah,

At your earliest convenience, please forward your bio for inclusion in our meeting materials.

Thank you,
 Kathy

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>; Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: SHARP, KATHRYN A [AG/1000] <(b) (6)>@monsanto.com>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah and Tim,

As I mentioned earlier, I am out of town the week of our Vegetable Advisory Council event. I have cc'ed Kathryn Sharp who can assist with logistics leading up to the day of the talk. You are also welcome (but not expected) to stay for lunch, Rebeckah, and Kathy can assist with the reimbursement logistics/gymnastics that can entail if you would like to take the group up on it.

IN the meantime you are welcome to reach out with any additional questions. I have informed our folks of the WOTUS issue, so that is understood.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 8:08 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] <(b) (6)>@monsanto.com>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>

Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

All that should work , Scott.

One caveat – I am ethically precluded from talking about WOTUS so will have to leave that to others.

Reb

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@monsanto.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@monsanto.com)]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

First of all, we are having severe company-wide email issues, so I hope this is getting to you on Friday morning, as I am hitting 'send.' I apologize for any delay in the response.

WHAT: Conversation with Monsanto Vegetable Advisory Council, a group of industry leaders who advise and provide counsel to our vegetable business leadership team

WHERE: W Hotel, 515 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004

WHEN: 10:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 8

The agenda and Council biographies are attached. The overall theme of the day is "Regulatory and Market Trends that Will Impact Produce." It is an informal, off-the-record conversation with an anticipation that Q&A will be part of the 50-minute time allotted. Here is what I think would be most beneficial to the group:

- The new Administration's priorities and actions to date on regulatory reform in general, across agencies, and what may be in store for USDA, in particular
- Any thoughts on buyer stipulations around production methods and current regs for food safety, pesticides and organic standards
- I know it's not in the USDA wheelhouse but any update on WOTUS may be of interest given the recent announcement of the intention of a December rewrite by EPA
- Any additional outlook for policy direction that will affect fruit and vegetable production, distribution or marketing
- Access to labor is not elsewhere on the agenda but is a topic of general interest in the produce value chain

Again, [REDACTED] so sadly I cannot be present. Andrew Burchett, who is our Vegetable Industry Affairs lead, is who I replaced here in the DC office six years ago, so he would be well-versed enough to give you an introduction to the group. I can envision being asked for a biography, so if you have one, I can send it along. And please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime. Thank you for agreeing to speak with this group.

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Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:15 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] (b) (6) @monsanto.com>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Great news, Scott, we just finalize schedule and I get to come back early so should be able to be at your event!

Resend me details and what you want to cover.



Rebeckah

Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

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SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@monsanto.com](mailto:(b) (6)@monsanto.com)]
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Cc: Page, Tim A. - OSEC, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Hi Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and are staying cool. I wanted to check before the week is out to see if there's anyone at USDA in the way of a replacement who is available on Aug. 8 if you are on travel with the Secretary.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 5:08 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] <(b) (6) @monsanto.com>
Cc: Page, Tim A. - NRCS, Washington, DC <Tim.Page@wdc.usda.gov>; Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Scott –

It looks like I will be on travel now with the Secretary most of the week. However, give me a few days to see whether my 2nd chair here could fill in for me – he is doing tons of the work on reg reform with me. Give me a few more days to work out and pin down.

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From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\) @monsanto.com](mailto:(b) (6) @monsanto.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Rebeckah,

I hope you are doing well and that you had a nice 4th of July. I am leaving for the rest of the week on work travel, but I wanted to check in with you following up on this request from May. As a reminder, Monsanto's Vegetable Advisory Council will be holding one of its two annual meetings here in Washington on Tuesday, August 8. I am assisting the folks in the business with putting the agenda together, and regulatory reform is a topic of great interest. If you have time on the morning of 8/8, we would love to have you come speak to the group and take questions. Once again, it is an informal, off-the-record gathering of our business leadership and major players in the vegetable value chain. The morning schedule is still mostly open but as I understand it, 10am-11am is a window being held open for you. I think earlier would work just fine, if it is more convenient.

If you can't make it but know of someone in the Secretary's office who is able to speak, please let me know. (b) (6) but am available to assist prior to that week with logistics, more info, anything you need. Thanks again for your consideration.

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [<mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:36 PM
To: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] <(b) (6)@monsanto.com>
Cc: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request: Monsanto Veg Advisory Council - August 8

Interesting shared observation, Scott. All I can think is that it must be a slow news day. Me restating what is largely already in executive orders or that the Secretary has alluded to in public doesn't seem that newsworthy, but maybe it bears repeating?

I am not sure at this time what August will hold for OSEC. However, I thank you for the invitation and will absolutely add as a placeholder on my calendar. As the date draws closer, let's circle back to confirm whether I can participate and or if additional people or a surrogate is needed. I'm reasonably confident that USDA will be able to honor the invitation.

Kindly,

Rebeckah

From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920] [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@monsanto.com](mailto:(b) (6)@monsanto.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>
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From: KUSCHMIDER, SCOTT [AG/1920]
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Thank you
Date: Monday, August 21, 2017 5:38:58 PM

Rebeckah,

Thank you for your appearance earlier this month at Monsanto's Vegetable Advisory Council. On behalf of the group and our Washington team, I appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to spend time with our vegetable leadership team and closest industry allies.

I apologize for the belated note (b) (6) and then had to do some extra work travel. In speaking with my colleague Andrew Burchett, who directs the Council, he spoke highly of your talk and the feedback amongst the group about the information you provided. I hope you enjoyed the conversation (b) (6)

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Thank you again, and please let me know if we can be of help in the future.

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From: Vitek, Traci
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Douglas, Scott](#); [Wolff, Daniel W.](#)
Subject: Great Meeting you!
Date: Thursday, August 03, 2017 6:04:17 PM

Hi Rebeckah,

I wanted to send you a belated note to say thank you again for meeting with Scott Douglas, Dan Wolff and I on behalf of our client North Star Minerals. Thank you for looking into their concerns regarding getting caught up in the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument review as a result of President Obama's 2014 proclamation designation. We are hopeful that with your help we can get this issue resolved for our client so they can go back to the business of operating their clay quarries..

On a separate note, it was so nice to meet another fellow (b) (6) who thinks Secretary Perdue is as fantastic as I do! I am so happy to see another Georgian flourish here in DC!

Thanks again for all your help!
Traci

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Meeting Request
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:11:55 AM

Rebeckah

The Illinois Farm Bureau will be in town next Thursday and would like to meet with USDA to discuss certified wetland determination, prior converted cropland and conservation practices that are exempted under 404 (f)(1) of the Clean Water Act specifically.

Do you have time or could you recommend someone we could meet with? We are currently scheduled to meet with the Corps at 10:00 a.m.

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Important
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 5:15:39 PM

When can you visit?

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From: Peterson Laura USWS
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Re: FAQ
Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:31:52 PM

Absolutely.

Also this WSJ article from May 5th was pretty thorough:

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/syngenta-shareholders-accept-chemchinas-43-billion-takeover-offer-1493963063>

Thanks again...hope you're doing well! (Greetings from Iowa.)

See you soon,
 Laura

Laura Peterson
 Syngenta Corporate Affairs
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> On May 10, 2017, at 5:29 PM, Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov> wrote:

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> Very helpful - ok to use as briefing doc for the Secretary?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Peterson Laura USWS [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)@syngenta.com](mailto:(b) (6)@syngenta.com)]

> Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:26 PM

> To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov>

> Subject: FAQ

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> Hi Rebeckah,

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> Thank you for your note. Attached is an FAQ. We look forward to seeing you soon and visiting with the Secretary. Thank you again for your time.

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> Kindly,

> Laura

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> Laura Peterson

> Syngenta Corporate Affairs

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From: Sarah Brown Dirkes
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Porter DeLaney \(b\) \(6\)@kylehousegroup.com](#)
Subject: Gates Foundation Introduction at AFBF Convention
Date: Friday, December 29, 2017 3:22:10 PM

Hi Rebeckah-

I'd like to introduce you to Porter DeLaney, the founding partner at Kyle House Group here in Washington. (b) (6)

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Porter and representatives from the Gates Foundation will be at the AFBF Convention on Saturday and Sunday. I wanted to introduce the two of you so that you can connect in person if your schedules allow.

Sincerely,
Sarah

Sarah Brown Dirkes
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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: got a minute?
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:08:53 AM

Call my cell

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From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Don Parrish
Subject: Re: got a minute?

Yes, late am I have block waiting at airport

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Aug 24, 2017, at 9:00 AM, Don Parrish (b) (6) [@fb.org](#) wrote:

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: can we visit
Date: Thursday, July 19, 2018 5:14:57 PM

k – but call my cell.

From: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC [mailto:Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 5:14 PM
To: Don Parrish (b) (6) @fb.org>
Subject: Re: can we visit

Yes but may be tomorrow - crisis mode here for next 24 on some upcoming things

Rebeckah Adcock
Rebeckah.Adcock@osec.usda.gov

On Jul 19, 2018, at 17:07, Don Parrish (b) (6) @fb.org> wrote:

Can you call my cell when you get a minute? Thanks

drp

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From: Don Parrish
To: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: can we talk?
Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 10:00:23 AM



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RE: FINAL RESPONSE FOR 2018-OSEC-05830-F

Dear Ms. France and Mr. McGrath:

This correspondence and the accompanying records constitute the Departmental FOIA Office's (DFO) final response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted by American Oversight on August 24, 2018.

This response also responds to the matter of *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-00652 currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The pending Complaint in the above-referenced matter is based on USDA's alleged failure to comply with the applicable time-limit provisions of the FOIA in response to American Oversight's three records request for communications between USDA officials and various industry groups or lobbyists representing them. One of those three records requests were assigned **2018-OSEC-05830-F** and sought:

All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat, Lync, Skype, and WhatsApp), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between Rebeckah Adcock and any of the following:

A) Any employee or representative of CropLife America (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @croplifeamerica.org);

B) Fred Bosco of CropLife America, through his @croplifeamerica.org email or any other email account or mode of communication;

C) Kelly Bray of CropLife America, through her @croplifeamerica.org email or any other email account or mode of communication;

D) Jeff Case of CropLife America, through his @croplifeamerica.org email or any other email account or mode of communication;

E) Ethan Mathews of CropLife America, through his @croplifeamerica.org email or any other email account or mode of communication;

F) Riley Titus of CropLife America, through his @croplifeamerica.org email or any other email account or mode of communication;

G) Courtney DeMarco of CropLife America, through her @croplifeamerica.org email or any other email account or mode of communication;

H) Dr. Ray McAllister of CropLife America, through his @croplifeamerica.org email or any other email account or mode of communication;

I) Any employee or representative of CropLife International (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @croplife.org);

J) Any employee or representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, “the Farm Bureau,” (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @fb.org);

K) Any employee or representative of Bayer (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @bayer.com);

L) Any employee or representative of BASF Corporation, or its affiliates (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @basf.com);

M) Any employee or representative of Monsanto, and its corporate affiliates (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @monsanto.com);

N) Any employee or representative of Syngenta, and its corporate affiliates (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @syngenta.com);

O) Any employee or representative of the Southern Crop Production Association, and its corporate affiliates (including, but not limited to, individuals with email

addresses ending in @southcrop.com);

P) Any employee or representative of the law firm BakerHostetler LLP (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @bakerlaw.com);

Q) Any employee or representative of the law firm Crowell & Moring LLP (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @crowell.com);

R) Any employee or representative of the law firm Dentons U.S. LLP (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @dentons.com);

S) Any employee or representative of the law firm Faegre, Baker, Daniels LLP (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @faegrebd.com);

T) Any employee or representative of the law firm Latham & Watkins LLP (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @lw.com);

U) Any employee or representative of the law firm Squire Patton Boggs LLP (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @squirepb.com);

V) Any employee or representative of the law firm Steptoe & Johnson LLP (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @steptoe.com);

W) Any employee or representative of the law firm Wiley Rein LLP (including, but not limited to, individuals with email addresses ending in @wileyrein.com)

Below are the details regarding the DFO's search efforts for the above referenced matter, records found in connection with the search, and a description of the FOIA exemptions applied to select records.

Search Efforts

A search for responsive records was conducted by the Office of the Chief Information Officer's (OCIO) telecommunications provider, Client Experience Center (CEC). The CEC performs network services for the OCIO to include electronic messaging operations, electronic calendars, blackberry, mobile device management (MDM), file and print, remote access, voice, network, service desk, and other application services. Today's final response for **2018-OSEC-05830-F** includes all responsive records from the CEC's calendar search. The CEC provided Ms. Adcock's calendar from the time she on-

boarded up until the time the search was performed on December 19, 2018. A manual review was performed on these records to identify any meetings with the external entities of interest. A total of three pages were found to be responsive and are being provided to you with Bates Stamps 000856 through 000858.

The CEC also did a search for any phone records associated with Ms. Adcock's direct desk line and cell phone. No records were located for Ms. Adcock's direct desk line. The CEC was however able to produce Ms. Adcock's cell phone log for the period between January 2018 and March 2019. A manual review of the cell phone log was performed to identify any records matching any of the numbers provided in the signature blocks of emails produced in the DFO's first interim for **2018-OSEC-05830-F**. A total of four entries were found to be responsive and are being provided to you with Bates Stamp 000859.

The DFO determined that certain information contained therein should be withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6). Below is an explanation of the information withheld.

Application of 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) "FOIA Exemption 6"

FOIA Exemption 6 permits the government to withhold information regarding individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and where such privacy interests outweigh any public interest which would be advanced by disclosure. For purposes of the FOIA, the public interest is advanced when disclosure of the requested information educates the public about the activities of the government.

Portions of the records produced as a result of the CEC's search efforts were withheld under FOIA Exemption 6. These items include cellular phone numbers, direct office numbers and emails not published online, conference call access codes, and notices about other employees' vacation time. This information qualifies as "similar files" because it applies to particular individuals. Release of the cellular phone numbers, direct office numbers and emails not published online could subject individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications. As for the conference call access codes, participants have a privacy interest in ensuring no uninvited individual is listening in on the call. Lastly, individuals also have a strong privacy interest in their personal activities outside of work.

Because there is a viable privacy interest that would be threatened by disclosure, and no outweighing public interest to be advanced by disclosure, FOIA Exemption 6 authorizes the DFO to withhold the information.

The DFO's review of responsive records for the other matters listed in the Complaint is ongoing. In light of the matter *American Oversight v. U.S. Department of Agriculture*, Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-00652 currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the

District of Columbia, administrative appeal rights are not being provided in this response letter.

If you have any questions or concerns about this **final response** for **2018-OSEC-05830-F** or the pending civil action, please contact Ms. Marsha Yee, Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division at (202) 252-2539 or Marsha.Yee@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Alexis Graves
Departmental FOIA Officer
Office of the Chief Information Officer

Enclosure: Responsive Records (4 pages)

Copies to:

Marsha Yee, Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division
Christopher Elmore, Senior Counsel, U.S. Department of Agriculture, General Law and
Research Division

July 27, 2017

Thursday

All Day

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Please See Above

9:15 AM - 10:00 AM

FL Rural County Commissioners @ USDA -- 107A-Press Room
Run of Show: 9:15-10:00 AM

- Intro & Welcome: Blake
- 10-15 minute RPTF Overview & Update on where things stand: Reb
- 5 minute Q & A on RPTF: Reb
- 15 minute Rural Development Overview: Gary
- 5 minute Q & A on Rural Development: Gary
- Conclusion: Blake

Gary, we're told the room has PowerPoint capabilities. Rebeckah will not be using PowerPoint.

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

RE: North Star Minerals- Meeting Request- EO Monument Review w/ Dan Jiron, Jennifer Eberlien, Glenn Casamassa, Traci Vitek, Scott Douglas, Dan Wolff poc: TV, Direct: **(b) (6)**, Cell: **(b) (6)** --
USDA Whitten - suite 240E
Traci Vitek ; Scott Douglas, SP Director
Dan Wolff, Partner Crowell & Moring LLP

Per our conversation, attached is some additional background on the North Star Minerals issue. As you will see, their quarries are located in what is now the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, which President Obama designated via Proclamation in 2014 (the quarries were there first). Prior to that designation, the land was part of the Angeles National Forest, so the quarries have always operated under a Forest Service approved Plan of Operation. As you know, pursuant to President Trump's recent Executive Order, the Department of Interior is reviewing all previous federal lands that were designated under the authority of the Antiquities Act. We recently met with DOI to ensure that they are aware of the quarries when conducting their review of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, but were told that the Forest Service is actually heading up the review of that particular Monument, since it overlays Forest Service land.

DOI advised that we should also reach out to the Forest Service, specifically Glenn Casamassa, the Associate Deputy Chief, who is heading up the FS' review. Given the high-profile and politics of the issue, we wanted to make sure we not only met with Forest Service senior officials but also met with the Secretary's office to be sure you were looped in from the very beginning. We would like to schedule a meeting with yourself and the Forest Service senior officials that you believe should be in this meeting in the next week or two if possible? Additionally, we will be providing written comments to DOI's Formal Public Comment Period for Antiquities Act Monuments and will plan sending you a copy of these comments once we have submitted them.

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Thursday

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Have a wonderful evening,
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11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

ARPTF Roundtables Preview Meeting - BUS TOUR PLANNING -- Reb's office

Inviting Rob and TF Points of Contact to ensure we are ready or getting ready for the following Roundtable on the Road –

To recap what we settled in on last week, please work with Tim and Rob to build out the following events and needs in order of time priority:

- **9-10 am, Friday, Aug 4 – Wausau WI, Northcentral Technical College**

ARPTF Roundtable on Connecting Rural America (Broadband)

Participants (Tim):

Additional Principal to Invite: OSTP? (NEED TO INVITE, ASAP)

Advance: Rob and Tim

Event Brief (due noon Aug 2) & Support: Rebeckah

Policy Brief (due noon Aug 2) & Support: Jannine

- **Friday, Aug 25 – Tifton GA**

ARPTF Roundtable on Rural Private-Private Econ Dev Opportunities

Location (Rob):

Participants (Tim):

Additional Principal to Invite: SBA (invite once further developed)

Advance: Rob and Tim

Event Brief (due noon Aug 23) & Support: Rebeckah

Policy Brief (due noon Aug 23) & Support: Rebeckah

- **Morning of Friday, Sept 1 –Meredith, New Hampshire**

ARPTF Roundtable on the Opioid Crisis in Rural America

Location (Rob):

Participants (Joe):

Additional Principal to Invite: HHS, Secretary Tom Price and Kelley Anne Conway (Need to invite soon)

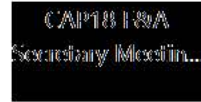
Event Brief (due noon Aug 30) & Support: Rebeckah

Policy Brief (due noon Aug 30) & Support: Anne

April 18, 2018 Continued

Wednesday

Supervisor



9:15 AM - 9:45 AM

Infrastructure -- USDA Whitten Patio

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Budget Prep for House Ag Approps

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Meeting -- Meet at NRE

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Meeting w/ 12 State Farm Bureau Presidents -- 221-A

Attendees:

Zippy Duvall – American Farm Bureau Federation President

Jeff Aiken – Tennessee Farm Bureau President

Rick Ebert – Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President

Mark Haney – Kentucky Farm Bureau President

Jim Holte – Wisconsin Farm Bureau President

Rhedona Rose – Tennessee Farm Bureau Executive Vice President

Dale Moore and Dr. John Newton with American Farm Bureau Federation to attend the meeting. We expect one and maybe both will attend.

As requested by the Farm Bureau Presidents, the Market Administrators from the Northeast and Southeast (Erik Rasmussen), Mideast (Sharon Uther) and Appalachian (Harold Friedly) Federal milk marketing orders will be attending the meeting.

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

BFD Pre mtg -- 221-A

To review materials and prep for SP briefing on Thurs.

R. Adcock's Work
Cell #

Don Parrish
American Farm
Bureau

ECPD Profile ID	Bill Cycle Date	Account Number	Invoice Number	Wireless Number	User Name	Usage Category	Date	Time	Number	Rate	Usage Type	Origination	Destination	Min	Charge	Long Dist./Other Charges	Total
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